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Dear Rachel

I am writing to congratulate you on the outcome of your recent Ofsted inspection. I was really pleased to see that the school continues to be good.

It is clear from the Ofsted report that distributed leadership is a strength of the school and that this is contributing to a culture of high expectations and continuous improvement. I have every confidence that you and your team will successfully tackle the areas for improvement identified. In reading the report I can see that the school works hard to offer a curriculum that engages children, providing them with experiences that allow them to apply and their learning in meaningful contexts, an approach which, no doubt, builds positive attitudes and encourages them to extend their learning outside of school. The impact of the curriculum and teaching is evident in the outcomes achieved by the end of key stage 2, including the fact that a high proportion of children achieve above expected standards. I was pleased to see that the school is focusing on developing its approach to tracking the progress of children with SEND. Improving outcomes for this group of children in a borough-wide partnership and it will be helpful to learn from different schools how they are developing approaches to meeting the needs of pupils with SEND.

It was lovely to read how one particular child was able to so confidently articulate the values of the school, and that these are reflected in children's behaviour and attitudes, demonstrating that these values are truly embedded in the ethos of the school. I was also very reassured by Ofsted's comments about the strong safeguarding culture in the schools.

Parents clearly have great confidence in the school and value how it works to support all children. Such positive relationships with families do not happen by accident and, I'm sure, reflect strong commitment by leaders and staff to working actively with parents to engage them in their children's learning.

Please pass on my congratulations to all involved for their part in making Parkside a good school, and my thanks for the contribution they are making to children's achievements and the well-being of families in the school's community.

I wish you much success in your continuous improvement journey

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Dickinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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