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Dear Mr. Dickinson

I am writing following your recent section 5 inspection. Although your school was judged to require improvement overall, I was pleased to see that your leadership and management were judged to be good.

I am delighted to read that you and your leadership team are making improvements to all aspects of the curriculum, which is helping to better prepare pupils for their future education. I am particularly pleased to note that the teaching of early reading has improved. It is reassuring that your pupils feel safe and know that staff care about them. Although there is still more work to be done to overcome some of the inconsistent practice from the past, the school's motto of 'Working together to achieve success' is clearly helping to drive improvement. Reading the inspection report, I can see that this is exactly what you and your team are doing.

I know that you and your team will be continuing your good work. I hope this will be reflected in your next inspection outcome, probably in two years' time or so.

In the meantime, I have asked Lorna Fitzjohn HMI, Regional Director, West Midlands, and her Senior HMI to be available if you wish to discuss your progress.

Yours sincerely

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