Essex County Council **School Effectiveness Team** County Hall Chelmsford Essex CM2 6WN



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SENT BY EMAIL

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Dear Emma

We were very pleased to receive the report of the recent inspection at your school which identifies that it continues to be a good school, with outstanding behaviour, and personal development of your pupils.

The report is clear in identifying the school's strengths, which include:

- Pupils identify that they feel safe and incredibly happy at the school, and they behave exceptionally well.
- Pupils work incredibly hard and are committed to their learning, striving to do their • best across all areas of the curriculum, to reach the high expectations all staff have of them.
- Pupils relish the opportunities to develop their resilience and embrace setbacks. •
- Leaders have carefully designed the curriculum and have trained staff to teach the curriculum well, having the subject knowledge to do this effectively.
- Leaders have ensured that pupils have access to a high-quality reading curriculum. In Reception, children are proficient at blending sounds together to help them read new words and apply this to help them to spell new words accurately.
- Leaders support pupils with SEND to learn well and access the same curriculum as • their peers.
- Leaders meticulously plan varied opportunities for all pupils, and pupils contribute • their views to this wider offer.
- Governors and trustees monitor the work of the school well and have a clear • understanding of the strengths and what leaders are striving to improve.

We know that such a report is the outcome of huge amount of dedication and hard work by staff, and from careful oversight by governors who give freely of their time and energy.

All the very best to you and your school community as you reflect on all the very positive comments in the report, and as you move on to the next stages in the school's journey.

Our thanks for the important work that you do.

Yours sincerely

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