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Dear Lisa

I have received a copy of the Ofsted report following the graded inspection of Summerfields Primary Academy in October which confirms that the school is now good. Well done!

I can see that your curriculum is well developed in English, mathematics and science. Because you have clearly identified the important knowledge that pupils should learn, teachers are able to implement the curriculum effectively. I am pleased to read that outcomes are improving in these subjects. Your next challenge is to ensure that this 'blueprint' for curriculum design and organisation is reflected in other subject areas. I am sure that your work in relation to this improvement priority is well underway.

As you know, improving the provision for pupils with SEND remains a key priority for all schools in Barnsley. I am pleased to read that pupils with SEND receive effective support to help them achieve well at Summerfields. It is also reassuring to hear that you are already reviewing the rigour around additional interventions. I am always keen to know whether pupils are getting off to a good start in the early years. Your report confirms that the curriculum is well developed and staff know how to support children's learning effectively, especially in relation to their speech and language skills. We all understand the importance of reading and I am pleased to read that this is a priority at your school. Much has been done to develop a positive reading culture but I can see that some pupils do not learn to read fluently quickly enough. I trust that plans are in place to ensure that staff receive the additional training they need to deliver your phonics programme consistently well.

We continue to promote good attendance across the borough and it is heartening to read that this important work is reflected at your school too. We must continue to strengthen our partnership with parents to ensure that all pupils attend well. As well as pupils' academic achievement, I can see that your school provides effective provision for their wider personal development too. I am sure that your work to further develop the wider curriculum will further enhance pupils' understanding of the fundamental British values that will prepare them well for life in modern Britain.

It is reassuring to read that the trust and local governing body provide the support and challenge needed to sustain ongoing school improvement. I would like to thank staff and trust leaders for all their hard work and continued commitment to providing pupils with a good quality of education. If the Barnsley Schools' Alliance can support in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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