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Dear Liz

I wanted to congratulate you and everyone at the school for the exceptionally positive report from your recent OfSTED inspection. I know only too well how much hard work, skill, and commitment goes into creating a good school, so the overall judgements are something of which the whole school community of staff, governors, pupils and parents can be justifiably proud.

Securing judgements of good in all areas and getting the really positive comments which are in your report, is an impressive achievement at any time. But as a Local Authority, we are acutely aware that the heightened expectations in the current Inspection Framework have made this harder than ever to achieve. So everyone in CYPLD, including the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member, was delighted to be informed about the school's success at OfSTED.

In reading through the report it was particularly good to read how all the different parts of your school community are strong, with the praise for the behaviour of your pupils, for the quality of teaching and support and for the effectiveness of the leadership provided by you, the rest of the Leadership Team and the Governing Body. I was also pleased (and a little intrigued!) to see the praise for the Friday club programme you deliver. It was good to see the school get recognition for the breadth of the offer, the skills acquisition this provides for pupils and the fact that it gives the pupils the chance to work collaboratively with others from different year groups. The intriguing part of it was the reference to your Philosophy Club - it sounds great and is something that I'd love to see in action some day!

I am sure that you and your colleagues will already by tackling the minor areas for adjustment which will see the school move on to become an outstanding school. The OfSTED judgements on leadership make it clear that you've already established the capacity at different levels and that the school has an effective approach and a great track record in implementing change and further improvement. So'l am confident that you will go on to successfully implement these small adjustments.

> Strategic Director Tolis Vouyioukas

Chief Executive Niall Bolger

Building a good school is the work of lots of people but I also believe that the leadership of the Head is the most important factor in school improvement, so I wanted to thank you personally for the work you will have put in to securing this judgement.

On behalf of the Council, I'd be grateful if you pass on our thanks to all of your staff, governors, parents and pupils for the time, effort and dedication they will all have put in to secure such a good OfSTED report.

Best Wishes

Yours sincerely

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Colin Stewart

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cc: Tim Featherstone-Griffin, Chair of Governors