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Dear Caroline

Recent Ofsted Inspection

I write to congratulate you, your staff team and school governors at Benfieldside Primary School on surviving your recent section 8 Ofsted inspection. I know that inspection is an exhausting and stressful process, reliant upon good team work from everyone involved.

Of particular significance was that Ofsted recognised the swift action that you have taken, Caroline, since taking up appointment in April. You have quickly identified the areas for improvement and have taken well planned actions to address these. I was delighted to read about pupils' positive behaviour and that the actions you are taking are ensuring that more pupils attend school regularly. This is real credit to yourself, governors and all of your staff team.

I also note the increased rigour with which attainment targets are being set and the planned programme of monitoring that has been established. This will assist leaders and governors in accurately evaluating the impact of the further actions that are set out in your school improvement plans.

It is clear that safeguarding is given the highest priority and that all staff play a key role in promoting a strong safeguarding culture across the school. Your Deputy Headteacher is also contributing well, particularly in relation to raising attainment in writing.

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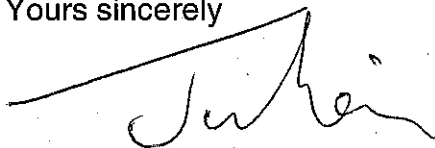
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Although there remains work to be done, I am confident that you can secure continued progress in order to be in a strong position when you are next inspected. Please do not hesitate to contact local authority officers if you feel we can help in any way.

I wish you and your staff success in the actions you take and I look forward to hearing about the further improvements that have been made when your school is next inspected.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julien Kramer', written over a horizontal line.

Julien Kramer
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