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Via email: head@maidenbowerjunior.co.uk

Dear Elaine,

Following your recent ungraded Ofsted inspection on 12 – 13 October, I am writing to congratulate you on maintaining the school's 'good' status. You have clearly continued to lead with strength, and I am delighted that this hard work has been recognised, particularly considering the disruption over the last two years.

It was good to read all pupils feel safe and that the emphasis you place on pupils' personal development has been recognised. As well as "rising to the challenge" to meet the high expectations teachers have of them, it was good to hear that "they know that adults have time for them and listen to their concerns."

You have clearly created a culture of reading within the school, which is positive, as can be seen from the way pupils are said to be "developing their love for reading." You and your staff have undoubtedly worked hard to ensure that pupils experience and enjoy a wide range of quality texts helping them to "become experts in reading."

Another positive thread is the actions leaders have taken to develop a "broad, engaging and interesting" curriculum where pupils' learning is clearly defined and sequenced. It was particularly pleasing to read that pupils with special education needs see themselves as "enthusiastic learners" alongside their peers. Thank you for placing our most vulnerable pupils at the heart of your curriculum.

To read in the report that "pupils' behaviour is exemplary" is a testament to the ethos you have engendered through your leadership. Knowing pupils are "respectful and cooperative" to both adults and peers sets them up well for their ongoing educational journey.

Please pass on my thanks to the staff and governors for their continued hard work and efforts in providing a good quality of education for your pupils. Finally, thank you for your longstanding "high ambition" to provide the best for the school and for your continued leadership. I wish Maidenbower Junior School ongoing success.

Yours sincerely



Paul Wagstaff

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