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Dear Joanne,

I am writing to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and the entire school community on the exceptional outcomes highlighted in your recent Ofsted inspection.

The report paints a vivid picture of a thriving, joyful school environment that is designed to bring out the very best in every pupil. It is truly inspiring to see how pupils at St Augustine's rise to the high expectations set for them, responding with focus, enthusiasm, and resilience. This includes the remarkable progress made by pupils with SEND, reflecting the inclusive and supportive ethos embedded throughout your school. The way your staff effectively adapts lessons to meet the needs of all learners, while swiftly addressing any gaps in understanding, is truly commendable.

Beyond academic success, the strong emphasis on fostering kindness, care, and respect among pupils has clearly created a nurturing and supportive community. The secure relationships built between pupils and staff, and the pupils' exemplary attitudes towards learning, demonstrate a holistic approach to education that prioritizes well-being alongside achievement.

I am particularly impressed by the diverse and enriching experiences your pupils enjoy beyond the classroom. Opportunities such as the 'cultural heritage week' and the various leadership roles offered to pupils not only broaden their understanding of the world but also empower them to make meaningful contributions to their community. These experiences undoubtedly prepare them for future success and happiness.

The leadership and governance at St Augustine's deserve special recognition. Your leaders' ability to maintain high standards while thoughtfully considering staff well-being is a model of effective and compassionate leadership. The diligent oversight and responsive actions taken by subject leaders and governors ensure that the school continues to grow and excel.

Please convey my sincere congratulations and gratitude to every member of staff, governors, pupils, and parents whose dedication and hard work contribute to the ongoing success of St Augustine's School. Your school is a place where every child is supported to flourish both academically and personally.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. I wish you continued success and look forward to seeing all that St Augustine's will accomplish in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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