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Dear Mrs Saville

We are writing to acknowledge the school's Ofsted report following your inspection on 25-26 January 2023 and the numerous positive comments within it. We were delighted to read about the school's achievements and especially, *"Pupils thrive at this welcoming and inclusive school. Expertly led by the headteacher, everyone strives for pupils to 'shine bright' and 'reach for the stars' in all they do"* - you are to be congratulated on this.

Leading a successful school continues to be an ever-increasing challenge and one that you and your team are responding to in the best interests of the children. We celebrate a range of successful features in Wiltshire schools and many are reflected in your report including:

- Staff and governors express great confidence in the leadership of the headteacher. She has created a culture of mutual respect and teamwork. Staff morale is high.
- Leaders prioritise reading. Visits from authors inspire pupils to read from a range of texts and discuss social and moral dilemmas.
- The school's revised approach to phonics teaching is working well.
- Leaders have designed a broad and well-thought-out curriculum.
- Leaders place no ceiling on pupils' learning, including those with SEND. Staff adapt learning activities and give them the help they need to experience success.
- Staff provide pupils with a wealth of experiences to support their personal growth and development. The rich array of trips, clubs, music lessons and outdoor learning, including the '11 by 11' promise, is impressive.

We would like to thank you for all the work you are doing for the children of Wiltshire and we wish the school every success in the future.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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