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Dear Nicola

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INSPECTION REPORT: OUTSTANDING

The school you and your staff serve is a beautiful Catholic school. It is beautiful because of the way it is led by you and your team. It is a team that includes the whole staff, connected in a mission to bring children closer to God.

The outstanding judgement following the recent inspection is right and just. It followed a rigorous process and achieves a level of being that is far greater than any judgement under Section 48. We all thought it was impossible - you and your team have proved it is not!

I am not sure which element of the report is my favourite, but any inspection report that talks of a school being a 'sacred space' is one that reaches levels that perhaps is beyond what we can dream or imagine. I recall in the feedback session at the end of the inspection the lead describing RE as a special subject at the heart of the everything - not just the curriculum, everything.

On a personal note, I would particularly like to thank you for the model of servant leadership you have provided to colleagues in your school and beyond. The inspector was right to highlight this in her report and is something I have seen first-hand for many years. In this special year for you and the school, it is a lovely testimony to work over time with a legacy that will endure.

On behalf of everyone in our family of schools I extend my thanks to you and your team. Please do share this letter with your team - we are hugely proud of all you have achieved together.

Together, excellent. Together, fully alive!

Yours sincerely,

Kind regards,

Joe

The glory of God is a human being fully alive!