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Dear Mr Picton and Mr Hughes

### **Congratulations on your school's performance**

At present, the responsibilities for educational excellence as set out in section 13A of the Education Act 1996, remain with the local authority. That duty states that a local authority must exercise its education functions with a view to promoting high standards. As well as taking swift and effective action when underperformance occurs in a maintained school, local authorities should encourage good and outstanding maintained schools to take responsibility for their own improvement and to support other schools, and enable other schools to access such support.

I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the recently validated outcomes achieved by your pupils in 2017, which are amongst the best primary schools in Wiltshire.

It is very positive to see that you have risen to the challenge of higher expectations with 85% of your pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics combined. It is also good to see that 15% are achieving at a higher standard and that pupil progress is well above the national average for reading, writing and mathematics.

We appreciate that these very good outcomes are due to the sustained commitment, hard work and success of your staff, governors and pupils and recognise that they could not have been achieved without your effective leadership and determination to remain focused on school improvement through a period of challenging change.

I would like to offer my thanks to you and all at your school for your pursuit of the highest standards of educational achievement. I would also ask you to consider how you could work closely with other schools to ensure the very best education for every pupil in Wiltshire and give each child the opportunity to fulfill their potential. Please contact Helen Southwell, School Improvement Coordinator, if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



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