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Dear Louise

I am writing to congratulate you, your governors and your staff team on surviving your Section 8 Ofsted inspection and coming out with flying colours. A good judgement, under the current, very demanding, Ofsted framework is a clear endorsement of the success of your school and a judgement of which everyone should feel justifiably proud.

I was particularly impressed that Ofsted highlighted the strength of your own leadership and that of the governing body:

- Governors have confidence in school leaders because of the way you, and other leaders, share information. Governors hold you in high regard, they value your commitment and the impact that you are making as headteacher.
- Governors are proud of the school and have high aspirations for pupils and staff. They describe the inclusive ethos, purposeful atmosphere and the focus on meeting each pupil's special educational needs. The work of the experienced chair of the governing body is highly valued and he is ably supported by governors with a wide range of experience.

Additionally, noteworthy was the comment about the very strong relationships in school:

- There are strong and respectful relationships between pupils and staff; as a result, pupils say that they feel safe and know that they can talk to a member of staff if they are worried about anything.

It is a great credit to your own leadership and the commitment and dedication of all staff that the children attending Hill Top School continue to receive such a good quality education.

I wish you all continued future success.

Yours sincerely



Caroline O'Neill
Strategic Director
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