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Dear Mrs Walton

Removal from special measures

I am writing to congratulate you and your school team on your recent inspection outcome. I am also pleased to note that the leadership and management of the school were judged to be good.

I know that the progress your school has made is the result of hard work and commitment on the part of many people. It is particularly pleasing to read in the inspection report about the strengths in the school's curriculum and your success in improving pupils' behaviour. However, as you build on what has already been achieved, you will want to make sure that the work set for pupils meets their needs and is sufficiently challenging.

I hope that you and your team had a chance to celebrate the progress you have made. I am sure you will agree that the progress made by you and your team will benefit every pupil at the school.

I wish you every success in your continuing drive for further improvement in the months and years ahead.

Finally, I recognise the very real difficulties that schools are facing due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and want to thank you for making sure the school takes all the necessary measures to support its staff and pupils, especially those that are vulnerable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Spielman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Amanda Spielman
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

