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Dear Anya,

I write on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Education to formally congratulate you, your colleagues, pupils and the Governing Body following the Ofsted inspection at your school earlier this term.

To remain a good school is a very positive outcome under the current inspection regime. It would be an achievement to be celebrated in 'normal' times but, given the serious disruption all schools have faced over the last three years, your achievements are especially commendable. I am delighted that your individual and collective effort has been recognised and acknowledged. It was a pleasure to read so many positive comments. The outcome shows very clearly just how good a school Rainford CE continues to be and it is clear that you all make a huge difference to all the children in your school.

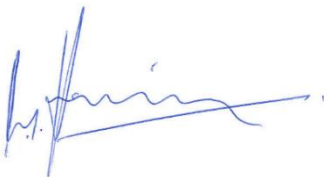
I was particularly pleased to see that the good behaviour of pupils was referenced as was their enthusiasm to learn, to take on additional responsibilities, to lead in various roles and, most importantly, that they 'are thoughtful and want to help each other whenever they can'. The broad range of opportunities open to pupils (including caring for the school chickens!) and the pupils' role in the community was also very encouraging to read about.

I was also delighted that the work of your 'skilled staff' was recognised as was the ability of teachers to deliver the curriculum consistently well. It is clear too, that strong teamwork and collaboration between all stakeholders remains extremely effective and produces the desired outcomes. The work and commitment of your knowledgeable governing body and trustees was also quite rightly recognised.

I do hope that you and your colleagues have managed to reflect on this outcome and are extremely proud that the work you are all doing has been so clearly validated.

I would be grateful if you could pass on the Board's thanks to all staff members and governors for all that they have done, and continue to do, for the children and families in your school and community.

With my sincere gratitude,



Director of Education