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Dear Deb

I would like to offer our congratulations on your school's achievement outcomes in 2017.

It is very positive to see that the school has attained well above average results at Key Stage 2, with 67.2% of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics combined. I would also like to highlight your success in the attainment of free school meals pupils, 57.9% of whom reached the combined expected standard.

It is also good to see strong value added scores in reading, writing and mathematics.

I am pleased that the proportion of pupils reaching the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 1 was above the emerging national average across all subjects. Pupils also achieved well in the Year 1 Phonics check (85.1%) and at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (70.0%).

We appreciate that these improvements are due to strong leadership and a sustained effort to remain focused on school improvement. Well done to your staff and pupils.

My team and I look forward to working with you, your staff and governing body to ensure excellent results are sustained during 2018 and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Patrick Leeson
Corporate Director
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