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Dear Mrs C Knighton and Mrs J Hollander

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 2018, 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 outcomes consistently above the national at EYFS, in the Phonics screener and in all KS1 reading, writing and maths assessments.

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.

A crucial role for the LA is to ensure that key partnerships are effective in supporting continued success and improvements for schools through our core vision:

'to create a strong, self-improving, self-sustaining school-led system to improve the educational outcomes for every child in Wiltshire'

We would therefore ask you to consider how you could work closely with other schools to effect improvement 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.

I would like to offer my thanks to you and all at your school for your pursuit of the highest standards of educational achievement.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H. Hughes".

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