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Dear Peter,

**OFSTED Inspection of Idsall School, Shifnal.**

I am writing to congratulate you on the 'good' outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection at Idsall School (June 2017). Securing this judgment represents a significant achievement given the increased rigour and expectations in the current Ofsted framework. You and your staff must be very pleased with this outcome, which reflects the hard work and commitment of all staff.

I was especially pleased to see the references in the Ofsted report around leadership, *'Leaders, including governors, have a clear understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses, and are well informed about pupils' experiences in the school'* and *'senior leaders and other leaders at the school have a shared vision and have convincingly demonstrated determination and capacity to improve the school.'*

I also note the other positive comments about:

- Staff being proud to work at the school
- The open and critical approach of leaders
- The improvements being made to increase the progress of disadvantaged pupils
- High quality assessments
- Relationships between staff and students

Please pass on my thanks to all your staff and also to the governors.

Lastly, can I thank you personally for your leadership of the school and the difference that you have made to children and young people in Shropshire as a result.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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