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Dear Alan,

I write on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Education to formally congratulate you, your staff team, pupils and the Governing Body following the recent Ofsted inspection at your school. The Board met before Easter and your report was shared with them. They were particularly keen that I convey to you their congratulations and gratitude for all that has been achieved at Emmaus.

It was a delight to be present at the official feedback, as it was to see all the positive comments made that evening reflected throughout the report. It was the most extraordinary feedback I have ever had the privilege to hear and the outcome shows very clearly that Emmaus is indeed a 'wonderful school'. It is clear that you all make a huge difference to all the children in your school and to the wider community.

Such an exceptional report would be a huge achievement to be celebrated in 'normal' times but, given the serious disruption all schools have faced over the last four years, your achievements are especially commendable. I am delighted that your individual and collective effort has been recognised and appreciated this way.

I was also delighted to see that your teachers' significant and substantial knowledge, assessment skills, phonics expertise, and inspirational development of reading was highlighted throughout. Of course, pupils with SEND being fully included in the life of the school is so important and, again, something that was clearly acknowledged in the report as being integral at Emmaus. The children's understanding around diversity, history and world events is also extremely positive. It was very pleasing that the expertise and support of Governors was quite rightly recognised and the Board remain hugely grateful to them for the time, energy and commitment they freely give.

Your considerable success reflects very well on Church schools, and joint denomination Church Schools, and demonstrates how the Christian values so clearly lived out at Emmaus give strength through the most difficult times. I do hope that you and your colleagues have reflected on this outcome and are extremely proud of the work you are doing.

Please pass on my congratulations, and that of the Board of Education, to your staff team and governors, and thank them all for all that they do.

With my very best wishes and every blessing,

Stuart Harrison
Director of Education