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Amanda Spielman
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

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Dear Mrs. Fabi,

I am writing following your recent section 5 inspection. Although your school was judged to require improvement overall, I was pleased to see that your leadership and management were judged to be good.

Since your appointment as headteacher in September 2018, you have galvanised the staff by setting a clear direction for the school. It is encouraging that staff share your vision and feel well supported. I am pleased to note that while you have taken responsibility for school improvement, you have shared this responsibility with your middle leaders. This has helped to inspire the middle leaders and they too are now determined to make the school better. Leaders' swift actions are already having a positive impact on improving pupils' outcomes. For example, teaching in mathematics is improving and pupils are making better progress. It is reassuring that additional funding is being used well to support the wider curriculum, and that pupils benefit from a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

I know that you and your team will be continuing your good work. I hope this will be reflected in your next inspection outcome, probably in two years' time or so.

In the meantime, I have asked Lorna Fitzjohn HMI, Regional Director, West Midlands, and her senior HMI to be available if you wish to discuss your progress.

Yours sincerely

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