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Congratulations on your Ofsted report card

Dear Philip,

I want to congratulate you, your staff and your leadership team at Ferndown Upper School following the publication of the school's Ofsted report card. The profile of five Strong standards is a great achievement. You must be very proud to see your hard work and commitment reflected in the inspectors' comments.

It was brilliant to read about the strong progress pupils make from their starting points, particularly for disadvantaged pupils and those with SEND, who are supported to achieve highly and move on to ambitious next steps. I was also really pleased to read about the inclusive culture across the school, especially the highly effective support in place for pupils with additional needs, including those in the specially resourced provision who are clearly thriving. It was also particularly encouraging to read that there is such a positive and aspirational ethos, with excellent behaviour, strong relationships, and a wide range of opportunities that help pupils grow in confidence and prepare well for life beyond school.

Universal RISE aims to mobilise the strengths already in the system to raise standards everywhere. We want good schools to become great schools, and great schools to become leaders in driving change. We would like you to consider how you can share the strong practice recognised in your Ofsted report card. This could be through a local place-based collaborative forum, one of the sector-led South West networks, or by hosting a South West RISE Discovery Morning (short, sharp visits for local school leaders to see great practice in action in one of the four national priority areas - attainment, attendance, reception year quality, and mainstream inclusion). Please contact the South West RISE team to discuss getting involved: SouthWest.RISEREGIONALMAILBOX@EDUCATION.GOV.UK

I am grateful for the work that you and colleagues are doing in the school and for the difference that you are making to the lives of your pupils every day. Please accept my congratulations. If there is any help or guidance that I can provide at any point, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, or with a member of my team.

Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "LL", written in a cursive style.

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