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Dear John

I am writing to congratulate you, your governors and your staff team on surviving your Section 8 Ofsted inspection and coming out with flying colours. A good judgement, under the current, very demanding, Ofsted framework is a clear endorsement of the success of your school and a judgement of which everyone should feel justifiably proud.

I was particularly impressed that Ofsted highlighted:

- You have provided strong, dedicated and insightful leadership, which has driven the continuous development of the school. Along with your leaders and governors, you have accurately identified the school's strengths and priorities for improvement.

Additionally noteworthy was the comments in relation to how interested your children are in their learning and how happy they are in school:

- Pupils engaged well with their learning and worked hard. This is because your teachers plan work that matches pupils' needs and interests well.
- Your pupils told me that one of the best things about your school is that staff, including yourself, make learning fun.

It is a great credit to your own leadership and the commitment and dedication of all staff that the children attending St Joseph's RC VA Primary School continue to receive such a good quality education.

I wish you all continued future success.

Yours sincerely



Caroline O'Neill  
Strategic Director  
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