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Dear Deborah

Congratulations on the outcome of your Ofsted inspection in September. Achieving the judgement of Good is a tribute to your leadership, to the dedication of your staff and the hard work of all of the students in your school.  This is a much-deserved public recognition of the work of everyone associated with Oswald Road Primary School.

I particularly enjoyed reading the Lead Inspector’s comments about how:

* This is a welcoming and nurturing school where pupils enjoy their learning. They were keen to tell the inspectors that one of the best features of their school is their teachers. Pupils, including children in early years, are happy and safe at school.
* Pupils relish taking on leadership roles in the school, including as eco-leaders and play leaders. Pupils are encouraged to engage in a vast array of extra-curricular activities including steel pans, creative writing club and the ‘awesome art’ club.
* The school’s curriculum is carefully designed to incorporate the knowledge, skills and wider experiences that the pupils at the school need. All pupils, including pupils with SEND, access the same curriculum.
* The school has made reading a priority and has a range of books and authors that reflect the diversity of pupils in the school. This helps pupils to feel well represented and included.
* Pupils’ personal development is a high priority in this school. Pupils benefit from a plethora of learning activities relating to their cultural and moral development. Pupils learn about the importance of keeping physically and mentally healthy.
* The school has acted decisively to understand the impact of workload on staff’s well-being and has taken steps to better support staff across the school.
* The school actively participates in the wider community. It seeks to engage with parents and carers, charities and community organisations to contribute positively to school life. Parents are welcomed into school for activities which helps the school and parents to work together in supporting pupils’ learning.

Consistently achieving such high quality outcomes is a challenge for all schools in the City and the impact of your work in the school and in the community is a cause for celebration for us all. You must be very proud of what you have achieved. I hope you have been able to take the time to enjoy and appreciate this achievement.

Our aim across the City is for all schools to achieve at the level of Oswald Road Primary School and I hope that we will be able to work together in the future to share your learning across Manchester.

Yours sincerely

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