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Dear Bill

Recent Ofsted Inspection

I am writing to congratulate you, all of your staff team and the school's governors on the outcome of your inspection in October. Retaining your good judgement for the overall effectiveness of provision, under this more rigorous Ofsted framework, demonstrates the hard work and commitment of your team. Everyone can feel justifiably very proud of what you have achieved and the good level of education that has been sustained.

My thanks to you, Bill, for the strong leadership that you provide to your school. You continue to demonstrate your dedication, determination and hard work. Because of this, the school has secured its good judgement. Please pass on my thanks to other leaders and governors for the strengths that they bring to the school and for the vision they share for building further on the school's successes.

You must feel rightly proud to see Ofsted acknowledging the warm and welcoming community you have all created in the school, in which pupils are safe and looked after. This is because you and your staff take the time to get to know the children well. The inspection team saw that you are enabling pupils to work hard, achieve well and take on responsibilities. They also commented positively on the fact that you are aware of the workload and well-being of your staff.

The inspection team recognised that you are developing your curriculum thoughtfully and that the cultural aspect of this work is already evident. You have considered the needs of pupils with SEND and are ensuring that they can make good progress through your curriculum. You are enabling children to become fluent and competent readers and are developing a love of books and reading.

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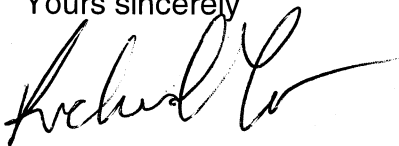
Ofsted have recognised that you create a strong culture of safeguarding and that staff know what to do to keep children safe. You have also supported the pupils themselves to recognise risks and act appropriately to keep themselves safe, including while they are on-line.

Congratulations on developing and maintaining a strong team that enables pupils to thrive and learn. Achieving this, coupled with the current educational climate and constraints on schools, should be recognised and applauded. It is a great credit to everyone connected with your school that the children attending Byers Green continue to benefit from such a good quality education.

Please share this letter and its sentiments with your staff, governors and those who have an interest in a really good school!

I wish you, and them, continued success in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Crane', written in a cursive style.

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