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Dear Carmela,

I am writing to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, your staff, and your pupils on the recent Ofsted report received by St Margaret Clitherow School. The report highlights numerous aspects of excellence within the school, showcasing the incredible environment you have cultivated for your pupils.

It is inspiring to read about how pupils enjoy school and respond positively to the high expectations set by staff. The emphasis on broadening pupils' horizons through school trips, is commendable and speaks to your commitment to providing a well-rounded education.

The report's recognition of pupils striving to do their best and achieving well is a testament to the supportive and encouraging atmosphere you have created. The kindness and care exhibited by pupils, particularly the Year 6 librarians and the eco-group, are wonderful examples of the strong sense of community and responsibility fostered within your school. The school's dedication to teaching pupils the importance of helping others and supporting charities, such as the initiatives for a charity in Uganda, demonstrates the strong values and sense of empathy instilled in your pupils. This nurturing of responsible citizenship is truly admirable.

The harmonious and happy environment during lessons and lunchtimes is clearly a result of effective behaviour management and a focus on student well-being. The inclusive nature of your school, ensuring all pupils feel welcome and can participate fully in clubs and activities, is particularly noteworthy. The active contributions of older pupils, both within the school and the wider community, highlight the emphasis on developing leadership, respect, and empathy.

The collaborative efforts of leaders, governors, staff, and pupils in making St Margaret Clitherow School a happy and pleasant place to learn are evident throughout the report. The appropriate challenge and support provided by the governors ensure the school meets its statutory obligations and continues to thrive.

Congratulations once again on this well-deserved recognition. Your dedication and hard work have created a nurturing and inspiring environment that prepares pupils not just academically, but also as caring and responsible individuals. Please thank everybody involved at the School for all that they are doing to provide the students with such a well-rounded, Catholic Education.

Yours sincerely,

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