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Dear Sarah

**Re: excellent standard of education at Burnopfield Primary School**

Local authority officers have spent time this term analysing outcomes from all County Durham's primary and secondary schools, against a range of key value added measures and particularly looking at the percentage of pupils exceeding expected standards.

I wanted to write to you and acknowledge the exceptional outcomes that your school has brought about. This is obviously a combination of the hard work and commitment of you, your leaders, governors and staff, as well as the effort and application of your pupils. You all need to be congratulated. I am writing only a limited number of these letters, and your school certainly deserves to receive one.

This is a turbulent time for schools, with future funding challenges, and seemingly constant expectations on schools to cover many functions that formerly would have been delivered by other services and organisations. In this context, your achievement is even more impressive.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to all staff and pupils, and I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. The contribution you make is important for your community and for the whole County – please keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,

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