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Dear Patricia,

I am writing following your recent Ofsted inspection and the publication of your report. I am very pleased to read that Ipsley CE RSA Academy has been judged to be a good school. This is a positive achievement especially given the rigour and challenge of the inspection schedule.

The standards set by yourself have enabled the academy to make impressive progress over the last 18 months and it is clear that governance has been strengthened, ensuring that the governing body has a clear vision for the future and is focused on raising academic standards. Parental and pupil support for developments also comes through the report as a positive feature.

Pupils are now more frequently enabled to make good progress whatever their starting point and outcomes are now close to those seen nationally. Improvements in the quality of teaching and a strong focus on literacy are important factors in this development.

It was particularly pleasing to read that the academy's work to keep pupils safe and secure is outstanding and that behaviour overall is good.

I know that Ipsley CE RSA Academy works closely with Arrow Vale RSA Academy and the other schools within the RSA family but I would like to encourage you to consider ways in which you can further utilise the school's strengths and share best practice to the benefit of other schools within Worcestershire. If you would like to discuss additional ways in which this might be developed please contact Catherine Crooks, Group Manager: Schools and Settings - Inclusion and Achievement via email ccrooks@worcestershire.gov.uk or phone 01905 766768.

I wish you, your staff and all your pupils a very productive year.

Yours sincerely



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