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Dear Mrs Armstrong

Benedict Biscop Church of England Academy - Ofsted section 5 inspection

I was delighted to see that Benedict Biscop Church of England Academy has been judged to be Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted at its section 5 inspection on 8 and 9 October. This is a fantastic achievement, and I recognise the sustained effort and hard work that goes into achieving this great result. I was particularly struck by inspectors' comments on how the curriculum is broad and ambitious, meeting the needs of all pupils including those with SEND and that pupils behaviour is exemplary.

I was also pleased to read that pupils show great enthusiasm for their learning and thrive both academically and socially, that the early years provision is exemplary and how reading is a key priority.

Finally, it was heartening to read that the school removes barriers to learning for all pupils, including disadvantaged pupils, that children's personal, social and emotional development is a priority and that the school continually strives to provide an excellent education to every pupil.

Thank you for all the effort that you, your staff and governors have put into achieving the best outcomes for pupils in your academy. Please pass on my warmest congratulations. I look forward to seeing Benedict Biscop Church of England Academy sustain a high quality of education for pupils in the coming months and years.

I am copying this letter to Jo Heaton at Northern Lights Learning Trust, in recognition of the trust's contribution to the academy's success.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Cowell
Regional Director, North East