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**Amanda Spielman**  
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

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Dear Mrs Clements

I am writing following your recent section 5 inspection. Although your school was judged to require improvement overall, I was pleased to see that your leadership and management were judged to be good.

It is clear from the inspection report that, with the support of the governors, this is an improving school. I am encouraged to read about the improvements in early years and that children make a positive start to school. Furthermore, it is good to know that pupils are happy and friendly. It is particularly pleasing to learn about the work that leaders are doing to improve pupils' phonics and reading knowledge.

I know that you and your team will be continuing your good work. I hope this will be reflected in your next inspection outcome, probably in two years' time or so.

In the meantime, I have asked Emma Ing HMI, Regional Director, North East Yorkshire and Humber, and her Senior HMI to be available if you wish to discuss your progress.

Finally, I recognise the very real difficulties that schools are facing due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and want to thank you for making sure the school takes all the necessary measures to support its staff and pupils, especially those that are vulnerable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Amanda Spielman'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

**Amanda Spielman**  
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector