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Dear Ms Edminson,

Governor Mark Outcome

Following consideration by the Governor Mark Assessment Panel on Monday 24th February 2014, we are delighted to confirm that your governing body has been awarded Governor Mark. The award lasts for three years, until 23rd February 2017.

We congratulate you on the high quality of governance shown by your governing body, which already looked good in the documentation and was confirmed by the assessment visit. In particular we were impressed with:

- The clear way that the agendas are focused on the cycle within the strategic plan;
- The proactive work of the governing to find things out for themselves so that they are not solely reliant on information from the Head teacher;
- Oversight of the Pupil Premium by the governing body is good, as is the understanding of quality teaching;
- The leadership of the governing body, and in particular the support for the Head teacher when dealing with a difficult issue.

Thank you for the hospitality shown to Phil Hand on 31st January, which was very much appreciated.

As in most Governor Mark assessments, there are some suggested development issues. In your case there are a couple which can be found in the report. The issues are:

- The governing body should follow through with the development of external relationships and partnership working with other schools, particularly in seeking to develop outreach to other schools and collaborative working;
- The Safeguarding Link Governor agreed that she might review the recording and reporting of safeguarding concerns raised by staff. This is not for the information contained (which will be confidential) but to ensure that proper and thorough recording and reporting is taking place.

I do hope you have found the Governor Mark process constructive and developmental, as well as an opportunity to celebrate the good work you all do. Many congratulations on this well-deserved award.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Wicks".

Nicole Wicks
On behalf of Governor Mark