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Dear Dr Davison,

### **Governor Mark Outcome**

Following consideration by the Governor Mark Assessment Panel on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014, we are delighted to confirm that your governing body has been awarded Governor Mark. The award lasts for three years, until 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 responsibility taken by the governing body for its own development and the resultant active engagement by them as part of the leadership of the school;
- The appropriate use of curriculum walks by the governing body to carry out in-depth scrutiny of particular issues;
- The rigor with which the governing body undertake the Head teacher performance appraisal process.

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

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

- Further develop the relationships with other schools in the newly formed Trust so that school to school partnerships increasingly strengthen school improvement throughout the cluster;
- Look to appoint a governor with responsibility for Safeguarding who is not a member of the teaching staff.

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