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Sir Michael Wilshaw
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

Dear Mrs Crawford-Usher

Wateringbury Church of England School

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

In particular, your determined drive is helping to improve teaching and achievement. It is positive that you are setting challenging targets for teachers, which are linked to the progress of their pupils.

I am pleased to note that the gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers is closing, while the support and challenge from the governors are clearly helping to improve the school. It is encouraging that they share your ambition for the school's success.

It is positive that the pupils have many extra-curricular opportunities afforded to them, such as educational visits, choir practice and various clubs. It is interesting that the Year 5 and 6 pupils are leading some of these clubs. It is also noteworthy that you encourage the pupils to be tolerant and respectful of others, so that they are well-prepared for life in modern Britain.

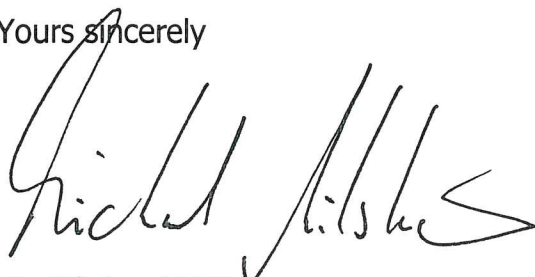
Although there is more to do to ensure teaching and achievement in all areas are good, you and your team have demonstrated that you have the skills to continue these essential improvements.

As you know, the next full inspection of the school will take place within two years. I offer you my support and encouragement as you do all you can to ensure that the young people in your school get the good education they deserve.

I have asked Mike Sheridan HMI, Operational Lead for the South East, and the Senior HMI to be available should you wish to discuss your progress. You can contact them through Mike's Personal Assistant, Anne Murray, at: anne.murray@ofsted.gov.uk.

Your ambition and strong leadership will be crucial to Wateringbury Church of England Primary School making the necessary journey from requires improvement to good. I wish you well for the future and look forward to writing again to congratulate you and the school on further progress.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael Wilshaw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Sir Michael Wilshaw