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

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*Dear Mr. Tolson,*

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 you are determined to bring about improvements and raise standards in your school. I am pleased to note that you have made the teaching of reading a top priority, introducing new programmes and making sure that staff have been trained to support the new initiatives.

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 region, and her Senior HMI to be available if you wish to discuss your progress.

Yours sincerely

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