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Dear Mrs Skirving,

St George's Church of England Academy - Ofsted section 5 inspection

I was delighted to see that St George's Church of England Academy has been judged to be Good by Ofsted at its section 5 inspection on 15 and 16 February. I recognise the extraordinary effort that goes into achieving such a great result, and it was a pleasure to read the published report. I was particularly struck by inspectors' comments on how leaders have ensured that all pupils study a broad curriculum and are ambitious about what they want pupils to gain from it, and how leaders have brought about a shared vision for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), to experience a high-quality education.

I was also very pleased to read that behaviour around school, and in class, is calm and orderly, how pupils are eager to come into school and that leaders have recently implemented a new curriculum for personal, social and health education.

Thank you for all the effort that you, your staff and governors have put into achieving the best outcomes for children in your academy. Please pass on my warmest congratulations. I look forward to seeing St George's Church of England Academy sustain a high quality of education for pupils in the coming months and years.

I am copying this letter to Paul Rickeard at Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust, in recognition of the trust's contribution to the academy's success.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Cowell
Regional Director, North East