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Dear Paula,

I am writing to thank you most sincerely for your recent contribution to the development of approaches that will enable inspectors and schools to evaluate the quality of education provision in a remote learning environment. Your collaboration in this developmental work provided valuable insights into the successes and challenges of teaching and learning remotely. I am particularly appreciative of your cooperation at a very busy time for schools as you and your staff managed the many challenges of remote teaching and learning.

Having listened to the feedback from our education partners and the inspectors who conducted the evaluations, I am struck at how innovative and creative many schools have been in providing for teaching and learning in the current context. I am also keenly aware of how adept many teachers have become at using digital technologies to mediate the curriculum and of the significant efforts that schools and teachers have made to support the well-being of their pupils/students.

The Inspectorate has gained considerable insights from our experience of working with you, your school and other schools as we developed our processes to evaluate remote teaching and learning. This learning will also help to inform how we support schools in the event that remote teaching and learning is necessary again in the future. I hope that you and your school community have also benefited from the experience and please express my sincere gratitude to your staff, your pupils/students, the parents in your school and the whole school community.

Wishing you and your staff all the best during this term.

Yours sincerely,

Harold Hislop  
Chief Inspector