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Dear Mrs Darnall,

I want to take the opportunity to thank you and all your staff in school and at the before and after school clubs, for everything you are doing to care for the children in your community.

I understand that a parent of a child at your school contacted the Local Authority praising the exceptional care and compassion you have shown towards their child. They have described how you have gone 'above and beyond', providing clear guidance for parents and a personalised response for the children including a happy birthday message for her daughter. I am so impressed by the extraordinary commitment that you and your staff have shown throughout this time, providing teaching and leadership, as well as stability and security for those in your care. Thank you for the immense effort.

I would like to wish you and your school all the best as we move forward over the next few weeks and months and thank you again for making a difference in your community, and for the children and their parents.

**ELIZABETH BERRIDGE**

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