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Dear Rachel

School Inclusion Matters!

Congratulations to Cottesmore St Mary's Catholic Primary School for being in the top 5 schools in the city for excellent attendance of 97.6% and for having had no exclusions the last academic year.

I am writing to thank you and your staff for the hard work you have put in to ensure that all children are attending school and the work you have done to foster inclusion for all your pupils. I appreciate the commitment and focus your school gives in applying a range of strategies to help improve attendance and to managing behaviour and know that we share an aspiration to ensure a continued reduction in the number of fixed term exclusions across all schools in the City and a rise in attendance to continue this good work.

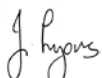
Your success demonstrates a continued commitment in your school to adhere to the DfE guidance on the importance of attendance at school and of ensuring that all children are offered support to ensure inclusion.

In support of this important issue the City Council continues to provide support to schools via the Access to Education Team, the Behaviour and Attendance Partnership and through the Brighton & Hove Inclusion Support Service (BHISS).

In order to ensure that children are getting the most out of their education I welcome your willingness to work in partnership with us in tackling poor pupil behaviour and valuing school attendance which leads to a continued improvement in our attainment across the City.

We are determined to continue to support all schools to continue to improve attendance and to promote inclusion in this new academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Jo Lyons
Assistant Director
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cc: Gavin Thomas, Access to Education Manager
Clair Rawlingson, Chair of Governors