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Dear Martin

Inspection of children's social care services

I am writing to personally congratulate you on the outcome of your recent ILACS inspection, which saw Leicester City move out of the requires improvement rating to an overall effectiveness of good.

This is a significant achievement and one which I wanted to acknowledge today. This outcome is testament to your hard work and tenacity, as well as that of the leadership team, managers and frontline staff, the wider council and your safeguarding partners. It was particularly pleasing to read that, despite the challenges of the pandemic, "*... children's services continued to provide a robust level of support for all children known to children's social care, including ongoing face-to-face visits, to ensure that they were safe and protected and their welfare was being promoted.*" The work your teams do with children in need of help and protection shows that their needs are well assessed.

I know you will be already concentrating on the next stages of your improvement journey. Please pass on my congratulations to all Leicester City colleagues who have contributed to this achievement, as well as extending my thanks to all the staff, children, foster carers and wider stakeholders who participated in the inspection process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Yvette Stanley".

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