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25<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Dear Rev. Middleton,

### **Governor Mark Outcome**

Following consideration by the Governor Mark Assessment Panel on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013, we are delighted to confirm that your governing body has been awarded Governor Mark. The award lasts for three years, until 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

We congratulate you on the high quality of governance shown by your governing body, which already looked good in the documentation and was confirmed by the assessment visit. In particular we were impressed with:

- The leadership of the chair, which has led to the development of a strong and articulate governing body who have significant strategic influence at the school;
- The robust self-review process of the governing body leading to a plan for improvement;
- The quality of the link governor activity which is used to good effect to support school development.

Thank you for the hospitality shown to Julie Duncan and Phil Hand on 10<sup>th</sup> May, which was very much appreciated.

As in most Governor Mark assessments, there are some suggested development issues. In your case there are only a few, which can be found in the report. These are:

- Consideration should be given to governing body agendas to ensure that they permit efficient working whilst focussing on strategic and school improvement issues;
- Continue to develop the involvement of governors at the early stages of the school development planning process;
- The impact of the pupil premium funding is an area that governors should seek to understand further.

I do hope you have found the Governor Mark process constructive and developmental, as well as an opportunity to celebrate the good work you all do. Many congratulations on this well-deserved award.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'N. Wicks'.

Nicole Wicks  
On behalf of Governor Mark