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Dear John,

Please could I put on record my personal thanks to you, your staff, and the pupils for providing such a warm welcome when I recently visited the schools in your federation.

The visit to your campus was a suitable climax to my tour of schools in Plymouth. There is some remarkable work going on at Wood View Learning Community, and it is clear that the schools have benefited from the federation's strong and united leadership.

I was particularly impressed with the real efforts to integrate those children with special needs and the wider school population. It was very touching to watch the pupils socialising together on their lunch break. I certainly left with an impression of a school of happy, well-behaved and enthusiastic pupils.

The buildings at the campus are fantastic examples of world-class learning environments. To have designed and built such inspirational facilities in Plymouth sends a powerful message to the wider community about the emphasis on and investment that is being put into education.

I think the Community is a shining example of the spirit of partnership, which is prevalent across Plymouth schools I visited. I was very impressed with what you have achieved at Wood View, and it certainly is a showcase for Plymouth Council's pledge to put education in the heart of every community and to encourage all neighbourhoods to regenerate. I hope the investment this Government is putting into education will support you to continue this success.

Yours ever,  
Vernon

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