Essex County Council **School Effectiveness Team** County Hall Chelmsford Essex CM2 6WN



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Natalie Jackson and Penny Coe - Headteachers John Jackson – Chair of Trustees The Robert Drake Primary School

Dear Natalie and Penny

We were very pleased to receive the report of the recent inspection at your school which identifies that it is a good school across all areas.

The report is clear that the school has many strengths, which include:

- The school is a happy and friendly place to learn.
- Pupils embrace the school's ethos and they behave well, living up to leaders' • expectations.
- Pupils value the warm relationships they develop with their teachers and use what they learn about friendship to treat each other with kindness and respect.
- Pupils show responsibility in their leadership roles. They are proud to have • jobs at school and know that this is an important part of making their school a better place.
- The curriculum is broad and ambitious, and staff ensure that pupils have the • skills to explain their thinking with sophisticated vocabulary. The school plans opportunities for pupils to try new experiences that enhance the curriculum such as by using virtual reality when learning.
- Most staff have strong subject knowledge and adapt teaching effectively to • meet pupils' needs. Pupils with SEND are well supported within the school.
- Leaders know the strengths of the school and the areas for development; staff feel well supported and proud to work at the school.

We know that such a report is the outcome of huge amount of dedication and hard work by staff, and from careful oversight by trustees who give freely of their time and energy.

All the very best to you and your school community as you reflect on all the very positive comments in the report, and as you move on to the next stages in the school's journey.

Our thanks for the important work that you do.

Yours sincerely

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