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Dear Trevor,

I am writing to thank you for your time and interest in helping us to write a case study of your practice in school and the successful work you achieve for our children looked after. It is clear from reading the report written by Sue Phillips, that you are committed to securing and achieving the very best outcomes for these children. Notable in the case study is that the profile of children looked after is high in your school and that your Senior Leadership Team are fully engaged and have high aspirations for this group. I am delighted to see that the young people have good attendance at your school and that the use of exclusion is avoided at all cost. Indeed, the children in the Hertfordshire Virtual School have a reducing number of fixed term exclusions which is contrary to the national figure for children in care and all children in Hertfordshire. Schools, like yours contribute to this improving picture.

In your setting the leadership is noteworthy with you, Trevor, being the first point of contact with the young people that ensures that they feel welcome and part of the school. The curriculum is highly tailored to the individual and that individual planning continues through to progression onwards beyond school.

I am very pleased to enclose the case study of your school's good practice and hope to receive your permission to include this work in the area on the Virtual School website that shares the very best practice for all schools to learn from.

Thank you again for your time and commitment.

Yours sincerely,



Felicity Evans
Virtual School Head