Dear Miss Jones,

It was wonderful to be able to personally share a few words of appreciation with you after the performance yesterday but I have written this letter because there are just so many things that I feel I *must* share with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the entire staff body of Sparkenhoe Primary School; from teachers, teaching assistants, aftercare staff to the senior leaders. You have all been an enormous part of my children's lives for the past, immensely beautiful, 8 years and have helped my children get the best start in life.

It is with great caution that a parent entrusts their child to a school and to find that every member of staff is so professional, caring, supportive and are just genuinely lovely people is something rather rare. This is something that at times we have been guilty of taking for granted but are occasionally reminded of when we hear tales from parents with children or students with siblings at other city schools. It is at these moments that I feel even more fortunate that my children were at Sparkenhoe and it is with great pride that I boast of the wonderful practices at my children's school... I know that I make them all envious – so, do not be alarmed if you find an even longer queue of children waiting to come to Sparkenhoe!

My thank-yous begin here:

Thank you to the senior leaders such as yourself, who have a clear vision of what they want the school to stand for and execute this effortlessly (or so it appears). I particularly love the initiatives such as the reading miles as they have been instrumental in nurturing a love for reading in my children and the Sparkenhoe values you have instilled into every child and commended via the postcards and awards you present each year. The awards and prizes that you give, again, further develop the children's hunger for learning, and was lucky enough to win the kindle (her prized possession since year 4) and the £50 Waterstones gift card. Sparkenhoe's Got Talent has helped build my children's confidence and interest in pursuing their hobbies. Every step of the way, the initiatives introduced have helped the children to grow stronger.

A huge thank you to all the class teachers, past and present, (Miss Ahmed, Miss Simpson, Miss Johal, Mrs Cooper, Miss Clarke, Mr Cox, Miss Barrs, Miss Modha, Mr Hiley, Miss Cook, Mr Marsh) who deliver wonderful, well thought out lessons that are both exciting and engaging. They are creative in their planning and develop beautiful and stimulating learning environments for our children throughout each and every year. The exciting competitions that have each been highly thought-provoking, the trips to Fleckney, places of worship and the unmissable works of amateur directors that are the annual performances. You have challenged, encouraged and motivated my

children on a daily basis. You have seen then grown and develop daily, building up their skill set to help them reach their potential at every stage. You helped them believe they can be whatever they want and to pursue their dreams. These are just some of the things you have done to give my children the confidence to take on the world.

Thank you to the teaching assistants who work tirelessly and seamlessly with the teaching staff to provide a top-class supportive atmosphere. Your care, sense of humour and expertise are all things you will be fondly remembered for. My children have enjoyed working with each and every one of you.

Immense thanks to the oh-so amazing extended services team: Rita, Mrs Pathan, Mr Story, Mr Ali and Miss Sherwin, who are an absolute god-send for parents like myself who work. I certainly wouldn't be able to do what I do if it weren't for them and the service they provide for the community. Thank you for the exciting trips you have organised for the children: From camping and Kingswood to the legendary trip to France. Each opportunity has been thoroughly enjoyable and helped my children grow into more confident, well rounded young people. Every teeny, tiny concern that I have had over the years, has been put to ease by Rita and Mrs Pathan. I cannot praise or thank them enough for what they do - they are absolute gems!

I would also like to thank the reception, office and premises staff who have always welcomed us with smiles and been delightfully helpful over the years.

Any concerns that I have had were always dealt with swiftly and professionally. You have all nurtured and disciplined my children, dealt with every problem, and often gone out of your way to put my parental mind at ease. You have all together helped create the wonderful world that my children have been so lucky to indulge in for years and will look back on with pride. So from the absolute bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you. Your efforts will forever be appreciated by my children and us, the parents. I hope Sparkenhoe goes from strength to strength, and with the great team you have, I have no doubt that you will.

Kindest regards,

Incredibly proud mum of two amazing children, and who became even greater because of all of you!

PS: Please do forward this email to the relevant/all staff as they have played a key role in the lives of my children.