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Dear Jason,

**afPE Quality Mark for Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity - Distinction**

Thank you for your application for the Quality Mark award.

The assessment panel has considered your application, together with the feedback from the validation, and afPE is delighted to award your school the **Quality Mark with Distinction** for **'demonstrating good commitment to improvement in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity'**.

Your award is valid for three years, commencing December 2021.

The validator has highlighted the following reasons for the award below.

3 main areas that make the school strong are:

1. Their weekly forestry sessions which are delivered in addition to 2 hours of PE.
2. Their significant work around the active 15 minutes and how this has been deeply embedded and evaluated across the school with all members of staff and has significant SLT support through monitoring.
3. Their lunchtime developments which see pupils accessing a wide range of activities to develop their skills. It was evident from the visit how much pupils enjoyed these, how they were improving physical activity levels and develop key skills such as teamwork (playing playground games co-operatively) creativity (some pupils had worked together to make their own maze from fallen leaves) and resilience (pupils practicing and sticking at activities to improve their score/ outcome).

In addition:

- The school has a comprehensive curriculum in place that offers pupils a broad and balanced experience. There is a strong assessment system in place which is utilised well across the school to inform teaching next steps and ensure pupils are making good progress.
- Over the last few years the school has trained staff members through various CPD opportunities and continues to monitor and develop needs through further courses and in house coaching opportunities.
- The school has won awards for its work around health and wellbeing, active lunchtimes and school games.
- They use PE, physical activity and outdoor learning as a tool for whole school improvements (academic engagement and achievement, improved behaviour and attendance) and to enhance learning in other areas of the curriculum.

You will receive an engraved plaque and your school will also be listed on the afPE Quality Mark webpage. In addition, the Association will submit a report to the Department for Education (DfE) which will include details of the successful applicants. There is always a possibility that a representative from the DfE or Sport England may wish to visit your school.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to offer you our congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Wilkinson" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sue Wilkinson MBE  
afPE Chief Executive Officer