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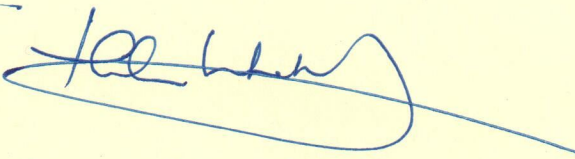
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Dear Amanda,

Three children in every classroom have a diagnosable mental disorder and over half of mental health problems start by the age of 14. Therefore schools have a crucial role to play in identifying mental health problems early and helping children get the help they need. Parents also want to know that their child will be happy when choosing a school.

Many schools are already doing excellent work to promote good mental health, but their efforts are not currently recognised in Ofsted's inspection criteria. I would be grateful if you would consider including measures of pupils' wellbeing in the new inspection framework.

Yours sincerely,


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