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Dear Colleague

Children's Services Assessment 2011

I am writing to inform you that Children's Services in Newcastle has been judged by Ofsted to be "Performing Excellently" in the 2011 Children's Services Assessment which has been published today.

The Children's Services Assessment takes into account all of Ofsted's inspections of settings, services and schools in the city as well as the progress that we are making in improving outcomes for children and young people in the city.

Obviously I am delighted with this and wanted to express my gratitude to everybody who has contributed to this assessment. It really is a result of what is happening across services and schools and the relentless drive to improve outcomes for all of the children and young people who live, study or are cared for in Newcastle.

Our link HMI Inspector from Ofsted said that this result was "well deserved". I hope that you feel so too and are proud to see this reflected at the highest level for the first time in this type of external assessment.

A copy of the letter is available to download at: <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/results/type/44/any/any>

Keep up the good work knowing that you are making a real difference to children, young people and families in the city.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Collings".

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