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Dear David at Surrey Football Coaching

From everyone at The Dawnay, we would like to say a huge thank you for the sports coaching you provided our Key worker children and Vulnerable pupils on Monday and Tuesday this week.

Returning to 'normal' school life during the COVID-19 Pandemic has presented many organisational issues for us to overcome in our risk assessments. We had been initially reluctant to consider the reintroduction of external coaches into our staffing organisation during the phased reopening of the school. However, we made the decision to use you to ensure our pupils continued to have access to high quality PE sessions. We are very pleased to say that the decision to use you was a good one! Straight from your arrival on Monday, any concerns we may have had about external coaches being back into school were quickly removed.

Throughout your time at the school, we were impressed by the level of professionalism you showed when working with staff, and the attention to detail you showed the pupils during the group work. We liked how you managed the pupils group, putting in place adapted systems to deliver sports activities that maintained social distancing between pupils and coaches. Furthermore, the cleaning of equipment between activities was greatly appreciated.

It was great to see the children enjoying themselves, some of our older KS2 pupils gave the following feedback.

"I really enjoyed cricket, golf and hurdles. We even had to do some maths to add up our scores!"

"I really liked the limbo, because I can go really low. After we did the activities they cleaned the equipment too. Best of all were the competitions, as I'm very competitive!"

"I enjoyed the high jump. It was really fun to see how high we could go. I also liked the cricket, badminton and gold. They cleaned the equipment after every single activity."

"I thought it was very hygienic. I found it really fun because I haven't done much PE at home. There were lots of really good games and they explained everything to us really well."

With thanks and we look forward to seeing you next week on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Your sincerely

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