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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, we recently had our 2 day ungraded Ofsted inspection and I am pleased to be able to send you a copy of the final report, which has just arrived in school.

Ofsted reports are written to a formula and constrained by word limits for each section. At the feedback session in school, the lead inspector gave other information which is very valuable and which does not appear in the report. I wanted to share some of this feedback with you along with key messages in the report.

Last time we had our Ofsted inspection was in 2019 when we were judged to be good overall with the outstanding features as recognised at our previous graded inspection. Now reports indicate whether standards have been maintained, improved or declined.

We are delighted to say that we were judged to have **improved significantly** across all areas since the last inspection and as a result have **no areas for improvement**. Had this been a graded inspection, we would most likely have been judged to be outstanding across all areas. The inspector said that the inspection outcome with no actions does not happen very often. However, Ofsted is changing its approach to inspection where, in the future, schools will be issued with a report card and so do not yet know how the next inspection will play out. In the meantime, we will enjoy our success and want to share this with you.

Highlights include:

- We have continued to maintain our high standards with strong outcomes which are significantly higher than those achieved nationally.

‘Staff have high expectations for pupils’ learning and what they can achieve. Pupils achieve exceptionally well.’

- Our curriculum is highly ambitious, extremely well-planned and implemented with nothing left to chance – it serves the needs of all our children. This reflects the hard work that we have put into developing our curriculum over many years.

‘The well-taught ambitious curriculum inspires curiosity.’



- Many subjects were looked at and all were deemed to be strong, reflecting the work that has been put in by leaders at all levels from Headteacher to subject leaders, class teachers and learning support assistants. Staff are well-trained and have strong subject knowledge which reflects the investment we have made to staff development, consistent approaches to teaching and learning and delivery of the curriculum.

‘Leaders at all levels have worked together to identify the precise knowledge and skills that pupils need to learn.’

- *‘Reading is at the heart of the curriculum’* with all pupils becoming fluent, accurate readers. We were very pleased to have this acknowledged as we have targeted support for reading over the last few years with the introduction of a new phonics scheme, a refurbished library, and a greater selection of reading books for all to enjoy and this initiative has really paid off.
- Expectations for behaviour were high and we were told we have delightful, polite pupils. The inspector had many conversations with the children, observed their behaviour moving around school at lunch and breaktimes and sat in class lessons. Children spoke positively about being a pupil and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

‘Pupils thrive at this kind and welcoming school. They develop warm, caring relationships built on trust and respect.’

One pupil told the inspector *‘when things go wrong at this school and there is a hiccup, you can be helped to get it right.’*

- Our provision for pupils’ personal development was singled out as being of very high quality with an extensive range of clubs, activities, residentials, as well as our commitment to local community events. Our TERRIFIC values were seen to be the bedrock of our school, understood by all and used to guide conduct.

‘There is a myriad of opportunities to nurture their talents and interests.’
‘These rich opportunities inspire pupils to find the things that give them joy.’

- The inspector congratulated us on the leadership of the school and how it is used to empower subject leaders to support teaching and develop high quality subjects. Leaders are passionate about their role, have taken the right actions since the last inspection. Everything is done for a reason and actions have led to change.

‘Staff are well trained and have strong subject knowledge. They use their expertise to identify the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).’

- The work of our SENCo was acknowledged in maintaining clear systems and processes, with everyone knowing their responsibilities and playing their part. The school has built in a system of checks to ensure that no child is left behind.

Safeguarding is a particular focus in all inspections and is judged to be either ‘effective’ or ‘ineffective’. Our strong culture of care, trust and respect underpins our work in this area where staff are vigilant and *‘pupils know that staff will support them with any issues they might encounter.’*



We were praised for our work and judged to meet the requirements in all areas of safeguarding.

- Governors were seen to be committed, take their role seriously and know the school well. They work with leaders to create a culture that encourages staff to learn and grow in their roles. Governors and leaders were praised for putting children at the heart of their work.

'Staff flourish and are highly supportive of the school.'

The last comment made by the inspector was *'every child can discover a way to shine.'*

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support and involvement as part of our school. Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the Parent View Survey. We were especially grateful for the positive feedback and comments which reflect all that is done by staff in school to support your child both in and out of the classroom.

Although the inspection was rigorous and intense, it was a clear celebration of our work. The inspector got to know the school and identified the strengths very quickly. She gave many personal accolades and indicated from our parent surveys a *'total trust in the leadership of the school.'*

We are proud of all our children and staff, supported by our governors and parent body, to make the inspection such a success. We hope you enjoy reading the report.

Yours sincerely,

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