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Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to attach a copy of our recent Ofsted Inspection Letter which we have just been given to make public. It will be on the Ofsted website shortly.

The Inspector was very complimentary about many aspects of the school and recognises the school continues to be 'good'. We are delighted to receive this endorsement. It was also great that the inspection noted that our 'pupils are confident, polite and articulate. They are friendly and caring and look out for each other.' The Inspector also commented that the 'strong and trusting relationships with staff make a valuable contribution to pupils' learning and well-being.' It always makes me immensely proud of our children and staff to hear this from other people outside of our school.

It was also positive to have feedback about what the school has done to tackle the two main areas that we focused upon since the last inspection. The letter acknowledges that pupils make strong progress in writing from where they start from and that strong leadership in this area and effective actions have led to this improvement. We are pleased that it recognises how strong teachers' subject knowledge is and that the consistent expectations support pupils' learning and improved outcomes.

The Inspection also acknowledges the work in early years. Careful action-planning, effective monitoring, substantial investment, redesign and resourcing mean that our children are fully engaged in their learning. The report comments that children are safe, happy and demonstrate a good degree of independence and responsibility.

All of these comments make me immensely proud but all of this is a whole school community effort. I was particularly pleased that the Inspector identified that as a school we promote the achievement of every pupil within a caring community based on our Christian values and that a strong community permeates the school supporting pupils, their families and staff.

The two main areas identified as 'next steps' for the school to become 'outstanding' are ones that are already identified in our School Development Plan and on which we are already working, and will continue to work on over the next few years.

I have always spoken about the huge importance of enriching experiences such as trips and visits, art weeks and creative activities, employment of specialist staff, such as our Music teacher and sports coaches. I know we will be building upon these next steps as a school.

I hope you enjoy reading the letter. We will be working with you and value your comments and suggestions for further improvements.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Kelly
Headteacher