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Dear Parent/Carers

I am delighted to attach our OFSTED letter confirming that the school continues to provide a good quality education. Thank you to everyone who participated in Parent View or met the OFSTED inspector to share your views on our school. Your kind words during OFSTED were hugely appreciated by the staff.

We were very pleased to see that our broad and rich curriculum was noted in the report, as providing a range of opportunities for our children has always been fundamental to our vision for the school. The Inspector also saw high quality maths and writing activities and observed lessons within all year groups. The report mentions the children's fluency in maths as well as the children's ability to edit and improve their writing and several beautifully presented examples of writing were noted during the inspection.

The children were excellent ambassadors for the school. The OFSTED inspector was very pleased by their positive attitudes towards learning as well as their polite and welcoming behaviour. The children were able to describe how they enjoyed school, felt safe and that they believed behaviour was usually good within the school. We were particularly pleased to see that the staff's respectful relationships with children was evident as this is fundamental to our values work across the school. Our wonderful children are positively mentioned throughout the report and we are very proud of them.

I would like to thank the staff for their continued commitment and dedication and for having the highest expectations of themselves, each other and the children. Their use of feedback and timely academic and pastoral support was noted by the Inspector as a reason for improved academic outcomes with children making good progress in all subjects.

We were also pleased to note that safeguarding procedures are seen as rigorous, procedures are clear and well understood and that recording onto the single central record is meticulous. Leadership is also highly effective and supportive of the professional development of staff.



The next steps for the school noted in the report are evident within our current School Improvement plan and will be continued within next year's plan for consolidation. It is pleasing to note that our self-evaluation and our development plans have been externally verified by the OFSTED Inspector.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Regards



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