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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to send you a copy of our Ofsted Inspection report following our recent inspection, as the report has now been released for publication.

The fantastic news is that our school is now judged to be Good, and even more fantastic is the fact that the behaviour and safety of our children has been judged as Outstanding! We have come a long way as a school over the two years since our last inspection, and we would like to thank and pay tribute to all of the staff, governors, parents and carers – and of course our wonderful children – without whom we would not have moved so far forward.

Thankyou to those of you who took the time to complete Parent View before the inspection and to those of you who met and spoke to the Inspector during her visit – your feedback is extremely welcome.

I'm sure you'll be as pleased as we are to read the positive comments from the Inspector following her two days in school, including the following:

- Teaching is consistently good. Pupils are taught effectively because work is well planned, engages their interest and challenges them to think.
- Behaviour is impressively mature. Pupils are courteous, sensitive to each other and adults. They are confident and well-prepared for secondary schools. They are safe and cared for very well.
- Pupils are enthusiastic learners and enjoy working together on projects, sports and supporting each other's learning. They say they feel very safe.
- Disabled pupils and those with special educational needs make good progress because their needs are identified quickly and they are well taught.
- Children in the early years make good progress, are happy learners and kept safe.

There is still a lot to do of course, and the Inspector notes that we must continue to focus on handwriting so that the children's achievement matches reading and mathematics. Work is well underway to improve handwriting, but this is an area that we can all work on together with our children moving forward. We also need to continue to improve our internal assessment systems with a relentless belief in excellence.

This is a great moment for us all to pause and celebrate as a whole community, and particularly to let the children know how proud we are of them. We hope to be able to celebrate with as many of you as possible at tomorrow's Summer Fair, which promises to be a fantastic event.

Best regards,

*Robin*

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