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## Letter from OFSTED

It is with great pleasure that we enclose a copy of the letter sent by the OFSTED inspector who visited our school last month to conduct our inspection.

You may be aware that we were eligible for a 1-day inspection as we were judged to be good in our previous inspection. This inspection was to investigate whether the school remains good.

We are delighted to say that the inspector found that, 'This school continues to be good'!

We are also so pleased that he has recognised our many strengths including our, 'skilled and enthusiastic team which is committed to meeting the needs of pupils'. With regards to learning, he found our curriculum to be, 'exciting and engaging' and this was confirmed by the children who told him that, 'they enjoy the curriculum as teachers make it exciting.'

The children continue to make us proud and their comments to the inspector about their learning were extremely positive; he noted that the children were, **'respectful to adults and each other'** and that they, **'work hard'**. When referring to children's work he wrote that the books, **'demonstrate that they are making strong progress in writing across the school.'** This is particularly pleasing as writing is the key priority in our current school development plan.

In the letter, Governors are referred to as being, **'passionate about the school'** and their part in ensuring that there is, **'a strong culture of safeguarding pupils**,' is also acknowledged.

With regards to attainment and progress, the inspector comments the children making, *'strong progress,'* and he confirms that attainment is above national in many areas. He also mentions that, *'disadvantaged pupils make strong progress across the school'*.

We worked with the inspector to formulate our next step and it is helpful to us that this links directly with our area of development and as such is something that we had already identified and something that we are already focussed on.



Together with God's help we: grow in Faith Learn for Life and Achieve our best.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who spoke or wrote to the inspector to share your views about the school; he commented that the views of parents were overwhelmingly supportive. 49 out of 51 responses on ParentView took the time to use the free text to write a comment and I am sincerely grateful to you all as a parent community for that.

I hope that you enjoy reading the letter and again our thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Claire Matthews Headteacher

Dr Robin Price Chair of Governors