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Ofsted Inspection Report Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached with this letter a copy of the letter we have received from Ofsted in respect of our recent inspection.

First of all we would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and Governors for their work during the day of the inspection and the day before. There is no doubt that being inspected is a stressful experience for all concerned – and that includes the children and we would like to reiterate our thanks.

The report itself is we believe a fair reflection of the current position of the school. It points to the difficulties in leadership that there have been over the past eighteen months and it also points to the fact that in last year's reported results there was a decline in both attainment and progress. However, as the report points out, with the support that the school has received from the Local Education Authority and from all concerned at the school these issues have been tackled head on and the school is now in a very different position to that which it was in at the end of the previous academic year.

The report points to the effectiveness of recent changes and how these are bringing about improvements it also points to the fact that there are inconsistencies. You can rest assured that all the staff are working incredibly hard to iron these out and to move forward.

We were delighted to receive the judgement that safeguarding is effective. This is a very important part of what we do and the recognition of this was most welcome.

The report goes on to look at the inspection findings and actually provides the school with a clear roadmap of what we to do to ensure that we continue to provide the best education that we can to the children in our care.

At the beginning of next half term we are going to be following a Raising Attainment Plan which will tackle all of the points indicated in the report. I also intend to carry on with the regular Parent Forums and would encourage as many parents as possible to attend so that we can take on your views to allow us to move forward.

Finally, we are delighted that the report clearly states that the school still retains its current overall effectiveness grade of good. You can rest assured that we and our colleagues are fully determined to answer all of the points in the report and move our school, your school, towards outstanding.

As ever, if you would like to discuss the contents of the report letter with me please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me. Teachers and other staff have only received the report today and so they will not currently be in a position to discuss the contents with you in detail at this evenings and tomorrow evenings parent consultations.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Cornish
Headteacher

Alison Huard
Chair of Governors