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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we were inspected by Ofsted last half term and we have now received our final inspection report, which will be emailed to all parents today. Please ask at the School Office if you require a paper copy.

It was 4 years since our previous inspection, and we have worked tirelessly to successfully address all the recommendations from the previous report, whilst also continuing to provide education for all pupils throughout the pandemic. We are pleased that the improvements made since the last inspection were recognised and acknowledged in the report.

The inspectors recognised the many strengths of our School, and we are really pleased to see that the report acknowledges the way in which every child is valued and cared for. Inspectors judged that 'Behaviour and attitudes', 'Personal development', and our 'Early years provision' are all 'good'.

The 'Quality of education' was judged to be 'Requires improvement' which results in the 'Leadership and management' judgement to be the same – it cannot be graded higher if the 'Quality of education' is not deemed to be good. Whilst we are disappointed with the overall judgement of 'Requires improvement', it is reassuring that the main recommendations are already part of our school improvement priorities this year and actions were already in place prior to the inspection to address these.

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the actions in place to address these recommendations:

Early reading: We have made a substantial investment this year into Read Write Inc, including new reading materials, intensive staff training and teaching materials. We are confident that our provision for teaching early reading will result in improved outcomes for our pupils and this will be monitored rigorously.

Curriculum: We have been redesigning our curriculum over the past 18 months and the inspectors were very happy with our curriculum plans which build on knowledge and skills sequentially. For the few subjects where areas for development were identified, the subject leaders are receiving support and training to develop the curriculum plans as necessary.

We feel that the inspection report is an accurate reflection of our amazing pupils, supportive parents and the overall community spirit of our school. We will continue to provide the best possible learning environment for all of our children and staff, whilst working to address the recommendations.

Kindest regards on behalf of all the staff and governors,

Mrs Natalie Johnson
Head teacher

Mrs Juliette Freeman
Chair of Governors