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## Ofsted Inspection 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

As you will be aware we were delighted to be visited by Ofsted early last month. This is an inspection that we have been eagerly awaiting as we were wanting to share all the improvements and successes that school has seen since the last inspection. The Ofsted process is rigorous and began the day before with a lengthy phonecall between myself and senior leaders within school and the lead inspector. He was then joined by his colleague for the two-day inspection in school.

The inspection process included further meetings with myself, our senior leadership team, subject leaders within school and other staff. More importantly they both spent significant amounts of time in lessons observing learning and behaviour as well as holding meetings with our children. These meetings gave the children an opportunity to share their views of school with the inspectors regarding their learning and their attitudes towards school. The inspectors also met with school representatives to discuss safeguarding procedures and documentation. Thank you to all those parents/carers who took the time to complete the online Ofsted questionnaire or spoke with the inspectors on the school yard.

We are very pleased to announce that the grading of the school has improved from Requires Improvement (Jan 2019) to Good in the following areas – Overall Effectiveness, The Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management. The inspectors also agreed with our evaluation of the Early Years Provision and have deemed that to be Outstanding.

There are a number of comments in the report that I would like to highlight:

- When the children start at this school, they are welcomed into a nurturing environment where they can flourish. They are supported to develop a genuine love of learning.
- One of the school's values is 'educational excellent'. Leaders have created a culture of high expectation.
- Pupils, including those with SEND, achieve well across a range of subjects.
- Pupils are well behaved and know that they are responsible for their own conduct. Inspectors found pupils to be polite and well behaved.
- Reading is at the heart of the curriculum, pupils read every day. If pupils find reading difficult, adults provide swift and effective support. Leaders have ensured that pupils have access to a wide range of carefully chosen quality texts.
- Staff have carefully considered the content of the curriculum and have made sure that it builds on what pupils already know.
- As soon as children join school in the early years, they are immersed in a supportive and exciting learning environment where adults help them to thrive.
- Pupils are active in supporting the local community.
- Leaders are very quick to respond to safeguarding concerns and are relentless in getting pupils and families the support needed.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of the whole school community for the grading of this inspection and look forward to continuing to work with yourselves to best support all within the school family.

Alongside this letter today you will receive a full copy of the report. This will also be posted on our school website and be made available on the Ofsted website in the coming days.

Yours Sincerely,

Lee Spencer  
Executive Headteacher

