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Dear Parents/Guardians

You will by now have read the Ofsted report of our school following the inspection at the beginning of November. Whilst ultimately we were disappointed to receive the overall verdict there were so very many positives that have come out of the inspection that myself and the whole governing body cannot help but be hugely proud of the school, all the staff and of course the children. We have made huge improvements in so many areas of our school, especially in areas that were criticised previously. Our early years provision has been described in the report as having been 'transformed' and highly praised. Similarly the SEND provision was praised and that the inclusive nature of the provision meant that children with SEND achieve well.

The report itself is much briefer than anticipated and does not wholly include the many positive verbal comments that the inspectors gave to the senior leadership team and the governing body on the second day of the inspection. We were disappointed that although mention of the Covid crisis was made in relation to swimming lessons, the inspectors did not take into account that although the curriculum was new this was largely due to the disruption of the crisis. However, we are confident that the curriculum is becoming more embedded each week and our careful monitoring of outcomes means that it is being more and more effective. I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are hugely ambitious for our children, they deserve the very best education and encouragement and I know that they are more than capable of living up to the high expectations we have of them.

With regard to the children, the most positive outcome from the report is how complementary it was of the children in our school. They are described as happy, caring, well behaved, friendly and with a good attitude to learning. The school is described as calm and orderly, that our values of respect, kindness, cooperation and empathy are promoted by the staff and that the pupils have responded to this and live out the values. The report also commented that the children report low instances of bullying and that they feel safe in school. Safeguarding is a huge concern, so we were pleased that our vigilance in this regard was praised and that the children understand how to keep themselves safe such as when being online.

Since the inspection, we have continued to plough ahead with the changes we have been making within school. One of these was in regard to communication with parents – more work will be done this term which will improve our communication with each other, both digitally and hopefully in person.

The governing body remains determined in our commitment to the school, and whilst we still have some improvements to make, we are confident and steadfast in the process of providing your children with the education and experience they deserve. On a personal note, I want to thank all the staff and children for the way they represented the school during the inspection, it can be a brutal experience for staff and a strange situation for the children, but at all times they were fantastic ambassadors for the school and I could not be prouder of this.

Yours sincerely

Samantha Hay