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Dear Parents,

This week our Ofsted report will be published on the website and online. You will be receiving a copy via email and paper copies are available on request. Inevitably, after the last two years with Covid and leadership changes, the school has areas to improve on. These are the continued development of our wider curriculum and the identification of 'sticky knowledge' or essential learning in units of work. These are already in our development plans and the lead inspector realised that work has begun **"Leaders have made improvements to some areas of the curriculum."** **"Leaders are ambitious about what all pupils can achieve"** Subject leaders are working hard to develop the curriculum for all learners and we are excited about the work we have already managed to complete. Since my arrival the identification of and support for pupils with SEND has been a priority and will continue to form part of our development plans.

Although we are judged as good in some areas the overall grading is 'Requires Improvement'. This is not a cause for concern but rather a description that simply means we need to continue with the work that we have already started in order to get back to 'good'. Please avoid falling into the trap of basing opinions on this one description. There is a lot of excellent work going on and many things that the inspectors thought were good. They were particularly pleased with the children's personal development, behaviour and welfare.

There are many lovely quotes from the report that reflect the strong position our school is moving towards. I would just like to share a few with you below.

"Pupils, and children in the early years, enjoy coming to this happy and safe school"

"Pupils know that staff will deal with any instances of bullying quickly and effectively, so that they do not continue."

"Pupils enjoy the variety of enrichment activities that are designed to complement the curriculum"

"Staff identify pupils with SEND quickly and accurately."

"Parents and carers appreciate the efforts of school leaders and know that staff are committed to helping pupils be the best they can be."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last six months. We have a wonderful school and I have had such lovely comments from different visitors who have commented on how fortunate our staff and pupils are to be part of such a caring community. I would also like to thank our committed staff and Governors who work incredibly hard and have positively embraced the changes to move the school forward. They are a brilliant team!



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