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Dear Parent/ Carer,

OFSTED Inspection Letter- September 2017

Please find attached a copy of the OFSTED letter that we have just received following the recent inspection of our school on 20th September 2017. For your information, this letter will be published on the OFSTED website at the start of next week where you can also find more information regarding inspections.

We are very proud of the findings of the inspection and pleased to announce that we have been judged to be continuing to provide a good quality of education. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff and governors for their hard work both during the inspection and throughout the year. Can I also take this opportunity to thank you for providing your feedback to OFSTED about your opinions on the school, through the questionnaire.

As you will read, OFSTED recognised many strengths of our school and lots of areas in which we do well. Alongside this, there are also a small number of areas that we can continue to improve upon and the staff and governors welcome this external validation to help support us in shaping ways in which we can continue to provide the best quality education opportunities. It is also worth stating, as I'm sure many of you are aware, that the OFSTED framework has been reviewed and developed a number of times in recent years and that the threshold for achieving the specific judgements (such as 'good') has been raised compared to those previously used.

To provide you with some context to the inspection, the OFSTED team consisted of one inspector who visited for one day. Prior to this visit, the inspector had thoroughly scrutinised the data document based on national test/assessment results (produced by the Department for Education) and the Self Evaluation Form (SEF), written by me and the school leadership team, which was then agreed by staff and governors. This information was then used by the inspector to produce a list of trails that she would like to follow during her visit to clarify and seek more detail in order to develop her judgement. Then, on the day of the inspection, the inspector visited each of the classes for approximately 15 minutes, analysed a range of children's work and spoke to children and many member of the staff and governors. This helped her to form her judgement, which she verbally fed back to myself and the governors and then used this information to formulate the attached letter.

The letter rightly demonstrates the hard work put in by everybody in our school community over the last few years and again, I would like to thank the children, staff, governors and parents for all of this effort. As always, we are looking to improve even further and will use the areas that have been identified by OFSTED, alongside other areas of improvement that we have identified, to continue this journey.

Please feel free to share the letter with your child(ren) if you feel it is appropriate or relevant. As always, if you have any further queries regarding the letter or inspection, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Toogood', written in a cursive style.

Mark Toogood
Executive Headteacher