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Dear Parents and Carers

Attached to my letter is a copy of the latest Ofsted report for the school with regard to the inspection on 22 and 23 March 2023. Our inspection was led by a Senior HMI and that is never easy. I have to say, that although it was a very demanding two days for the school, I think it was a very fair process.

The school remains a 'Good' school and what comes through in the report, but even more within the oral feedback, is the strength of relationships within the school community. Clearly the inspection saw, and understood, how hard staff and pupils work to push learning to its best. From teaching, through SEND and the wider work we do around planning for learning, the extended curriculum, and keeping our community safe, feedback from pupils was very positive. The work that teachers do on a regular basis to improve and refine planned learning is as strong as I have even seen in a school, they really do think about how they can help the children in their care.

I was particularly pleased by the comments from students about how our expectations of everyone's behaviours, both adults and children, make your children feel safe in our care. We work very hard to hold a line around behaviour and safeguarding in their widest senses. It is lovely to hear that the pupils understand why and see the benefit and value of this. Even though the pupils recognised that sometimes there are very difficult messages to members of our community, they feel safe and supported, in large part, because they know we will have difficult conversations on their behalf.

All of this work is only possible as a result of all the support that so many of you have given to the school, thank you. It has been a long and challenging five years since the last inspection, much has changed for all of us and all staff have worked tirelessly, and many have gone way beyond what I could have expected. A big thank you to all Governors and staff, thank you; I know that for all of you it will be a pleasure and pride to read the feedback on your work.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Flanagan Headteacher