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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will recall that the school was inspected by Ofsted on 19 and 20 January this year. This was the school's first inspection. The report has now been published and we enclose a copy for your information.

We are delighted that so many areas have been graded as 'good'. We are pleased in particular to note the compliments to pupils, recognition of the nurturing ethos of the school and the relationships that staff build with pupils, and the work that has been carried out in terms of the curriculum and the offer to pupils outside of the classroom.

We are of course extremely disappointed that quality of education was judged as 'requires improvement'. This is known as a 'limiting judgement' and therefore means that the overall judgement in the report can be nothing other than 'requires improvement'.

Contextually, it is important to remember that the inspection followed on quickly from extended periods of school closures or partial opening. We are pleased that the report acknowledges the work that has been carried out during that period and the firm foundations which are in place for children to achieve ambitious goals alongside the clear focus of the school leadership in the development priorities. Ofsted have identified two key areas for development and we are pleased that these are both areas where work was already underway, despite slower progress than we would have liked as a result of Covid 19 impacts.

We understand that for some parents, both current and prospective, this judgement may cause concern. Please be reassured that we regularly and thoroughly evaluate our work and its outcomes, both internally and externally. Through that evaluation, we are confident that the school offers a high standard of education for all children that attend and that the work we are doing to further refine and develop is the right work. Whilst we of course welcome the views of external professionals, learn from and respond to them, we have raised with Ofsted our concerns that the school and Trust's assessment does not reflect their judgement.

We are grateful for your continued support and, if you have any questions whatsoever regarding provision for your child, please do get in touch with the school in the usual way.

With best wishes,

Vicky Dupras

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Headteacher

Chair of the Local Governing Body

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