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Dear Parent/Carer,

The final inspection report has been put on our school website and will be published on the Ofsted website on Thursday January 17th. An Ofsted report reflects the moment in which a school was inspected and provides a clear outline of the next steps for any school on its journey.

Birdsedge was last inspected in September 2006 when it was judged to be Outstanding. In the interim 12 years there have been many changes both in school and to the Ofsted framework.

Birdsedge has always been, and remains to be, a wonderful school with a child centred ethos; putting children and families at the heart of all decision making. This is very evident in the recent Ofsted judgement for Personal Development and Welfare which is **'Good'**.

The inspection report has identified areas for improvement, however these had already been identified by myself and leaders from the Trust and work has already begun on these improvements. The report provides the impetus to move the school forward quickly and we are really excited to pull together, making the necessary changes and making Birdsedge the fantastic school I know it can be.

Ms Spark has agreed to take on a leadership position in school and will be driving forward writing across all classes. Aspects in Early Years identified around progress are historical issues. We have a fantastic teacher in Miss Hutton who will now work with Early Years leaders at Shelley First School to ensure children are challenged to reach the highest levels possible and get the strongest start they need in their education.

Although the judgement that the school **Requires Improvement** is disappointing, myself, the staff, the governors and the Trust are really committed to turning things around as quickly as possible in order to ensure that your children receive the high quality education they richly deserve. I know parents are really passionate about the unique ethos offered by Birdsedge and we all want it to be a thriving school where children excel in all they do.

We are in the process of drafting a Rapid Improvement Plan which we would like to share with you at a meeting on **Thursday January 24th at 9am**. At this meeting, Mrs Greenhough will talk to you about the Trust's role in the school improvement process and I will outline my plans for school. We will also be available to answer any questions you may have and hopefully alleviate any concerns.

Rest assured that my focus will always be on ensuring the very best teaching and learning opportunities for all children. Thank you for your continued support.

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