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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to finally be able to share with you the outcome and report from our recent Ofsted inspection! I hope that you will enjoy reading it.

Before you do, I'd like to explain that, under the current Ofsted framework, as a school that was previously judged as 'Good', we were not subject to a full two-day inspection and instead received a one day inspection, which is a bit like a 'health check'. In these one day inspections, the grade of the school cannot be changed. Instead, there are three possible outcomes:

1. *The school remains 'Good'.*
2. *The school remains 'Good' but there is significant evidence of decline and therefore a full inspection is recommended so that the grade may be changed to 'Requires Improvement' if this is proven.*
3. *The school remains 'Good' but there is significant evidence of improvement and therefore a full inspection is recommended so that the grade may be changed to 'Outstanding' if this is proven.*

I am incredibly proud to tell you that the third – and best - outcome is the one we received! The inspector believed that, from the evidence he saw during the day, Ofsted should return to conduct a full inspection in order that we demonstrate our evidence within an inspection where the judgement can be changed to OUTSTANDING!

The report outlines many of the strengths and improvements we have made since the last inspection and confirms that our commitment to continually raising standards is having a strong impact and that we provide the very best education and care for your children.

I am sure you'll join me in thanking each and every one of the staff in Team Dowson who are wholly dedicated to the vision and values in school and work tirelessly and with passion to ensure your children get a really good deal!

I hope you will be as proud as I am when you read it. Bring on the next inspection!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. L. Thornburn

Principal

