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Dear Families

I am delighted to be sharing with you, attached to this letter, our final report from our OFSTED inspection last term. We have always known that Grange Moor is GREAT and now we can say that we are officially GOOD in all areas too. Under the current framework, schools no longer receive an overall graded judgement, we are however still judged in each individual area.

The outcome from the inspection is incredibly pleasing and testament to the hard work and dedication of staff, children, families and all other parties involved in supporting the school including, Governors, the Local Authority and The Mast Academy Trust. A complete team effort and one I am so very proud and privileged to be in.

We feel inspectors really took time to get to know the special place Grange Moor Primary is and understood how far we have come and where we continue to strive to go on this journey of development (and glitter). It was recognised that we have a broad and well-planned progressive curriculum in place for all subjects and all children, including those with SEND, are supported to access and achieve well through this. Real strengths were recognised in how the school supports all children to be well prepared for life beyond school and children's behaviour, engagement and inclusive attitudes were really noted.

We have two clear points for development that we will be working hard to improve over the term ahead and in doing so will further strengthen all the work that has been done on the school's curriculum offer. These are around better embedding transcriptional skills for letter formation and how pupils are given feedback, particularly in books, to address errors. Two things already on our radar and a focus for our Continuing Staff Development activities over the two terms ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all as families for sticking with me when I came to Grange Moor and believing and trusting the vision I had. For being the biggest champions from day one for our little school and for sharing your wonderful children with us, who really are the sparkle that makes our school such a GREAT place. A thank you also to all the staff, supported so well by Mrs Degnan, who always go above and beyond for children and who have all shown such integrity, resilience and commitment on this journey and who together have moved school forward significantly. Finally, a thank you for those who provide such impactful support and challenge for myself and therefore the school - our forward thinking and dedicated Governors, the Local Authority and The Mast Academy Trust - who have contributed significantly to school improvement work that has taken place since the school was last inspected.

Wishing you all the happiest of New Years – one that I know is sure to be the GREATEST for Grange Moor Primary. Look out world – this school is going places!

Kindest Regards
Miss D Barker
Executive Headteacher