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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Improvements recognised by recent Ofsted Inspection

As you are aware, we received our Ofsted inspection on the 13th & 14th September 2022. I am now able to inform you of the outcome of the inspection and to outline our ongoing plans to bring about positive and lasting change to Gusford Community Primary School.

I want to emphasise how happy we are that the inspectors acknowledged the many improvements that have been made since their previous visit.

We are delighted to have received a good rating in three areas and while we haven't quite achieved the overall 'good' rating this time, the positive comments in the report are very clear that we are improving rapidly and in the right areas to achieve this in the near future. 'The quality of education' and 'early years provision' aspects were judged to 'require improvement' – but the report acknowledging that many of the recent changes and improvements need more time to embed in order to assess the impact and we can assure you that we will continue to work hard to ensure positive outcomes in these areas.

We celebrate the good judgements which acknowledge the children at Gusford, they are kind and caring individuals who know how to treat one another, respect the school values, the wider world and are growing into responsible citizens.

It's worth noting that the disruption caused by Covid-19 hampered many of the improvement plans that were already underway, however some of the recent changes and appointments have undoubtedly created a culture where pupils want to come to school, feel safe and learn, so I hope that you, as parents and carers feel confident we are doing the right things.

The report recognised the recent improvements, including the benefits pupils are receiving from an 'ambitious curriculum' and the inspectors found that our focus on well-planned lessons was 'helping pupils to become more successful in their learning'. To us, this is a clear indication that we are working on the right areas, and we must continue this, to secure a 'Good' overall judgement when inspectors visit the school again.

The support from the Trust and governors was described as 'helping to improve the school rapidly' which is more reason to have confidence that the school will be delivering a securely 'Good' education very soon.

The report from Ofsted will be published on Ofsted's website from 12/10/2022.

I am sure like us all at the school, you are pleased to see the progress being made, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



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