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Dear Parents / Carers

It is with enormous pleasure that I write to share the fantastic news that Madeley has once again been rated 'Good' by Ofsted.

This excellent news follows a two-day Section 8 Ofsted inspection which, as you know, took place on December 3rd and 4th.

I am delighted that Ofsted has recognised all the excellent work going on here at Madeley and as a proud member of the Shaw Education Trust what a 'special place' the school truly is for all pupils. We are delighted with the Ofsted acknowledgment that we are "a school with a huge amount of integrity."

The inspectors noted how we have maintained "the good quality education" and continued to drive improvement across the school, since our last inspection in February 2016.

The report, along with inspectors' verbal feedback, recognised the school's strong relationships between pupils and staff and how we work hard to make students and the wider community feel part of everything we do, with pupils being unanimously positive about the school and wearing their uniforms with pride.

We could not have achieved this without your support, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, your fantastic children and our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment which has helped to make Madeley such an amazing place to learn, work and succeed.

The report highlights many key strengths of our school and I would like to identify a number of these areas that make us very proud:

- The inspectors were impressed with the "friendly and relaxed atmosphere" at the school and described Madeley as a "welcoming" school.
- The positive culture where "teachers expect pupils to do well" and our core values are upheld.
- Pupils "are proud of their school" and all who were asked "would recommend the school to others."
- The talented staff at the school "feel valued" and welcome the "strong approach to team work."
- The school's leaders are committed to raising standards by "addressing the right things at the right time."
- The school has a strong culture of safeguarding where "all concerns are well managed" and the schools "specialist safeguarding leaders support pupils well."
- The Academy Council and Shaw Education Trust always "act in the best interests of the school" and "have a clear system for holding the school to account," with Trust leaders being "proud of improvements to date".

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A full copy of the letter from Ofsted will be made available through the academy website <https://madeleyschool.org/about-us/key-information/ofsted-report>

I am extremely proud of everything that we have been able to achieve here at Madeley and, with your help, as always. I look forward to the school continuing its strong upward trajectory, as we work towards becoming an “Outstanding” school. We pledge to continue to help all our students fulfil their potential and to inspire excellence. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes,



Mr L Nixon
Principal

