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Great Result of Ofsted Inspection: Rated Good with Outstanding Behaviour and Attitudes

Dear Families

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news of our recent Ofsted inspection at Mary Howard Church of England Primary School, conducted on June 10 and 11, 2025. The results reflect the dedication of our entire school community and the exceptional environment we strive to create for our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school. The inspection team recognised the hard work of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children, and the strong partnerships we have with you, our families. This success is a testament to everyone's efforts.

Since I became Headteacher in April 2023, we have implemented significant changes and improvements throughout the school. The inspectors highlighted many strengths that make Mary Howard Primary a truly special place:

- **A Small School with a Big Heart:** Our school is central to the local community, with staff, pupils, and governors fully embracing our motto, "grow and flourish." Pupils are nurtured, and everyone is proud of our school.
- **High Academic Standards:** Most pupils achieve high standards in reading, writing, and mathematics, preparing them well for their next educational stage. The curriculum is well-structured with ambitious aims, ensuring pupils revisit and apply previous learning effectively.
- **Exceptional Behaviour and Attitudes:** Our pupils behave exceptionally well, showing politeness, respect, and positive attitudes towards learning. They play happily together and feel safe and well cared for.
- **Strong Personal Development:** Curriculum enrichment is essential, with pupils participating in visits, outdoor activities, and sporting competitions.
- **Quality Early Years Provision:** Our early years environment is calm and purposeful, fostering independence and confidence in children. They are well cared for and ready for the next stage of their education.
- **Support for All Pupils:** The school quickly identifies pupils with special educational needs and seeks external advice when necessary, maintaining high attendance rates across all groups.

While the inspection identified areas for continued development, such as enhancing assessments in some subjects and adapting the curriculum for pupils with SEND, we are already addressing these.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to this process. Your commitment to our children is genuinely appreciated. I take great pride in leading a school that nurtures, cares for, and develops the whole child every day.

We are incredibly proud of our school community and remain committed to providing the best education and care for every child. We look forward to continuing our journey of "grow and flourish" together.

Alongside this letter, you will find a copy of the full report attached to this email, which will also be published on our website. If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards

Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher