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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, in November our school was visited by OFSTED. This was a full and robust two-day inspection to assess every element of life at our school.

At the end of this process, we are delighted to tell you that The Richard Crosse CE Primary School was judged to be an overall 'Good' school with 'Outstanding' areas.

It is important to point out that only 17% of 'Outstanding' schools in 2021/2022 and only 21% in 2022/2023, retained their 'Outstanding' grade.

What is more important than any grading to us, is the exceptionally positive pupil, staff and parent viewpoints, recognition of strong relationships, shared vision and the many wonderful comments that were made by the OFSTED inspectors. The inspectors noted for example that:

- *Pupils are eager to come to this happy and welcoming school. They arrive with smiles on their faces and are keen to start the day.*
- *There is a strong sense of community where everyone looks after and cares for each other.*
- *There are many opportunities across the curriculum to enrich pupils' day-to-day experiences.*
- *Pupils are excellent ambassadors for their school. They behave extremely well and live up to the school's high expectations.*
- *There is a strong family feel to the school with pupils genuinely caring for and about each other.*
- *There is an exceptional personal development offer.*

In fact, at every level of the inspection, the inspectors recognised the passion, care and enthusiasm that shines from our school day in day out by all, and the positive and lifelong effect that this has on the whole child.

We are so proud of our inspection grading but importantly inspectors also identified areas for development, many of which were already linked to our own school evaluation prior to the inspection. This was not a data led inspection and in order to gain 'Outstanding' status, every element of each objective needed to be evidenced. We are delighted with the outstanding grading and wording of the report in the areas of 'Personal Development' and 'Behaviour and Attitudes'. However, being in the top 20% of schools nationally



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**Our Christian Vision: Philippians 4:13: 'I can do everything through Him who gives me strength'**

for the last 5 years, we will continue to work with pace and purpose, gathering evidence, to ensure that *teachers subject pedagogical and pedagogical content knowledge consistently builds and develops over time.*

I wish to thank everyone involved in the process; staff, parents, pupils, directors and governors from the bottom of my heart. We all care passionately about our children and I am proud to be the leader of a school which truly embraces, cares for and develops the child as a whole, day in day out, not just when OFSTED are due. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the school upholds its high standards and goes from strength to strength. I am very excited about what the future holds.

Alongside this letter within the email, please find a copy of the full report which will also be published on our website.

If you have any questions about the report then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher