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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find attached the final report from our recent Ofsted inspection. We are very proud of our school and whilst the overall judgement is not what we would have wanted, there are many positives which we are pleased have been recognised.

"Pupils are happy and safe. Relationships are strong and adults look after pupils well."

"Pupils behave well. They are polite and courteous and move around school sensibly."

"Parents and carers are overwhelmingly supportive of the school. It is a very welcoming place and there are opportunities for parents to share in school life. This includes a volunteer reading programme and a running club for parents."

We were inspected under the new Ofsted framework which is heavily focussed on curriculum. As this was already a key priority on our school improvement plan this year, the inspection rightly recognised that our curriculum is still under development. Some strengths of the curriculum have been highlighted in the report.

"Leaders have prioritised the teaching of reading. Pupils read widely and often and have a good knowledge of a range of books and authors."

"In 2019, progress in Year 6 improved and was close to the national average. Current pupils across the school are doing well at reading."

"The education provided in Early Years is a strength of the school. Expectations of what children can achieve are high. Children successfully meet these expectations across a range of subjects. The work produced by children in the Reception class is of high quality. Leaders plan the curriculum coherently to build up children's knowledge, particularly in reading, writing and mathematics. Teachers surround children with a wide range of vocabulary."

The report only reflects part of what we provide as a school community. There is so much more to be celebrated. We will use this report as a positive means of

continuing to move forward with school improvement, taking the key outcomes as our next steps. We value your continued support in this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L. Scanton Headteacher

Mr M. Crowther Chair of Governors