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Dear Families.

I am very pleased to share with you the Ofsted report that was completed by the Ofsted team in September. The school has waited eagerly to be re-inspected after being placed in Special Measures in 2015. Our school is now recognised as a **Good** school.

We hope that you read the report and recognise <u>your</u> school. The amount of work that has gone into repairing the school is significant. The children have played such a huge role in the improvements. They are without doubt working hard and proud of what they produce. During the two days lots of children were spoken to about their learning; they were able to accurately share what they had learnt and talk positively about the education they receive. They were a credit to you and our school. I was very proud!

The team that we have in school were rightly recognised for providing **Outstanding** Personal Development. Sharing this with the team on Thursday evening was special. Ofsted recognised that something exemplary could be felt during the two days. The values and culture of a school is so important – great learning needs this, it is the heartbeat and soul of a school. Under the new framework it is even harder to achieve an Outstanding grade. The school really deserved this.

The Good Ofsted report will allow the school to continue moving forward and hopefully reinforce that this should be the school of choice in this area. The more children we have on roll means we can extend opportunities for all the children. I often share with families that we are not perfect, we have areas to improve but a real willingness to get better or take on new things that will make a difference.

I am delighted that the school has removed the label that was placed several years ago and becomes a very good school on paper once again. I recognised the potential and uniqueness when I first arrived. The work does not stop here we need to work together – giving our best and being kind at every opportunity.

Enjoy reading the report and hopefully I will be able to talk to you about your thoughts regarding the inspection.

Thank you for your support. Mr Isherwood





