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Dear Parent,

Headteacher's Commentary

Please find attached a copy of the school's most recent OfSTED report following our inspection last week.

I am delighted to report that the overall inspection judgment is that the school "is a **good** school," with a number of **outstanding features**. This assessment matches the Leadership Team's current Self-Evaluation against the most recent OfSTED framework.

You will remember that in 2013 our school was judged to be "requiring improvement." At that time, we shared with you our determination to be better and committed to doing our very best to ensuring we were good, as quickly as possible. I am delighted for all involved that we now have the official recognition that we have achieved this.

The leadership team has been heavily focused on improving teaching and learning. In February 2013, we adopted a Quality Framework for Learning and Teaching across the school which has ensured greater consistency of practice. Marking and feedback have been judged as exceptional. We have ensured all staff have had access to high quality training and support and this has helped us to achieve our aims. In particular, the inspectors praised the impact of our "Talk for Writing" project and noted that progress in writing is outstanding.

Our Governing Body has been recognised as being highly effective. I am delighted that the dedication of members of this voluntary group has been validated. The Senior Leaders are very grateful for the work they do for our school community.

The inspectors agreed with us that we need to ensure children who join our school from elsewhere in particular become skilled at reciting their times tables. They also agreed that whilst we have made good progress in respect of our academically more able pupils, we need to look for even greater challenge in all lessons. Given the strong foundations in place, we feel confident we can achieve this.

I am indebted to all staff and governors for their commitment to supporting our improvement journey to this point and to you as parents for your support of our work and for entrusting your children to us. They are a real credit to you, their families and to their school family.

Yours sincerely,

N. A. Stevens (Mrs.)

Headteacher

