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Dear Parents,

Re: Ofsted Inspection - 28th February 2017

Many thanks for all of your support during our inspection last week. I am pleased to be able to share the final outcome and findings of this with you.

The school was previously judged as 'good' in January 2012. Arrangements for inspecting schools in this category changed from September 2015, with one-day inspections from one of Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) replacing the full two-day inspections that used to take place. The purpose of these visits is to confirm whether or not a school continues to be 'good'. In this instance, the judgement was confirmed once more.

You will see that the outcome and findings are presented in a letter rather than a full report, again this a change from previous arrangements. Full inspection reports are no longer provided for schools in our position. The letter outlines the main findings, the next steps the school should take to maintain improvements and a description of how the inspection was carried out.

It captures much of what we are proud of in terms of our provision and the work we are doing to make the school as good as it can be for your children. Naturally, an inspection of one day carried out by a single inspector can only capture a certain amount of information about a school but we believe the findings are balanced and, crucially, recognise the gains that the school has made during the five years since it was last inspected - a period that has seen considerable organisational change at the school.

The report is due to be published on the Ofsted website next Thursday (16th) but I am able to share it with you in advance of publication, consequently the inspection process now comes to a close. As things currently stand, the school will receive another one-day inspection approximately three years from now to test whether the quality of education provided remains 'good'.

Thank you once again for the support shown to the school during the inspection period and if you have any questions about the process or about the findings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Smith Headteacher