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Dear Parents

I am writing to introduce the report from the recent Ofsted Inspection and we are happy to confirm that the school continues to be **Good**. You may appreciate that the format, because it was a short one day inspection, is very different to that of a two day inspection. It is shorter, focused primarily on outcomes, drilling down into the main area of school development which is writing.

The report recognises the positive impact of all the hard work over the last few years to raise standards, particularly in maths. By the end of KS2, the proportions of pupils that are reaching and exceeding the standards that are expected for their age in reading and maths, are well above the national averages.

The report acknowledges improvements in writing since the last inspection and that typically pupils are making good progress. However, this is in comparison to reading and maths where progress is more rapid and is resulting in higher than national average attainment.

As you are aware, the school has been working to raise standards in writing in line with raised expectations, and certainly the recent focus on spelling is having an impact. Although school results in writing have in the past been slightly lower than the national average, the school has high expectations of the children and is determined to continue the trend of improving results. The process of the inspection was very rigorous and has identified areas to work on to ensure that children make more rapid progress in writing.

The report gives specific next steps and I am impressed by the actions already taken by the school in planning a clear direction forward following the inspection. This will enable the Governors to focus on challenging progress in writing, whilst continuing to monitor other areas.

The school embraces the challenge of continuing to move forward, celebrating academic success together with the provision of a rich creative curriculum of which we are very proud. The children thrive in a happy caring successful environment and are an absolute credit to you and the school.

Please remember that all school and comparison results can be found on the website and www.schoolguide.co.uk which also gives a good guide of how to understand data in the Data Guide section.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jenny Vokes
Chair of Governors