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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, on 25th and 26th April school has a visit from Ofsted and the inspection report has now been published. The outcomes are as follows:

Overall effectiveness: Requires Improvement

- **Quality of education:** Requires Improvement
- **Behaviour and attitudes:** Good
- **Personal Development:** Good
- **Leadership and Management:** Requires Improvement
- **Early years provision:** Requires Improvement

In the previous inspection in October 2019, the school was judged to be Requires improvement in all areas, so while we are disappointed with the overall rating, we are delighted to share the many positive messages from the recent inspection.

First of all, our children's behaviour, ability to express themselves and explain their understanding and ideas. The children were fantastic and the inspectors recognised this describing them as "a credit to the school", a comment that we really agree with and are very proud of. Our children are fantastic and it is lovely to have their super behaviour (in and out of lessons) acknowledged so officially. We are also very proud of how well our staff know the children and the strong relationships between staff and children in school, which supports the children to hold high standards every day.

Our staff team was also praised for the way we teach the children "how to stay safe", how they care for and look after our children well and in the way they "respond to concerns quickly". The pastoral care for our children is a real strength and we are proud that this has been acknowledged in the inspection. We are delighted to see areas of behaviour and personal development have securely been judged to be 'good' and we are committed to securing this in all areas as soon as possible for our wonderful children, staff team and community.

We are pleased with that praise and recognition of progress since last inspection and also welcome the feedback about areas for development.

We are already addressing the areas for improvement. This includes finishing the work on our curriculum for the final subjects, which need the precise, detailed knowledge for each lesson and to ensure that all children are always supported to be able to access the learning at their level. Subject leaders are aware that this work is their key priority and are already working on this. They will monitor and evaluate progress in these areas and report this and impact of actions taken to the Headteacher and Governors. The judgements in Quality of Education and Leadership are linked, so work on these targets will fortify judgements in both categories. We are keen to ensure this is achieved as soon as possible.

In addition, school leaders have already engaged with an early years consultant and are implementing a new approach aimed at supporting learning through play systematically.

I hope that you share the joy at the positives and progress our school has made within the Requires Improvement bracket and understand that we are fully committed to tipping the other areas into 'Good' as quickly as possible. We know our children and community deserve the very best and we are fully dedicated to ensuring that our school becomes the fantastic place we know it can be.

Kind regards,

Miss Hodgkinson
Headteacher