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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to share our Ofsted report with you, following our Section 8 Inspection on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March. This was a 2-day, very rigorous inspection that took place to ensure that our Academy 'remains good'. We are very proud to inform you that this was certainly the case, with very many strengths being identified – these are highlighted below.

- *"Pupils are happy and enjoy their learning"*
- *"Leaders support pupils to be confident and resilient and to develop strength of character."*
- The report highlights the leadership team's high expectations of pupils and support of their personal and academic development.
- The report recognised pupils are aspirational, highly motivated and *"like to work hard and achieve."*
- The Academy was praised for developing a strong and ambitious curriculum where reading is a priority. The inspector found pupils were provided with a variety of high-quality books and said, *"From the moment pupils join the school, they learn to read in a very systematic way."* The inspector added, *"There is a very strong focus on ensuring that pupils acquire a wide vocabulary in every class. Pupils enjoy reading and talking about books."*
- Our maths provision was also praised, with the report stating, *"Pupils enjoy mathematics. Leaders have set out the order in which pupils learn new knowledge so that pupils build their understanding and skills securely."* Like in other subjects, teachers were found to take time to explain learning, monitor progress and provide regular opportunities for pupils to recap their knowledge. The inspector highlighted initiatives such as the daily 'maths blasts'. Pupils told the inspector *"The staff are really friendly, and if you get stuck, they help you"*.
- Early Years care was recognised for its *"very positive"* relationship between pupils and adults and leaders were said to ensure a focus on progress in vocabulary, language and comprehension.
- More widely, behaviour, wellbeing and safeguarding were applauded across the Academy. The inspector commented, *"There is a strong culture of care at the school. Leaders provide support to vulnerable pupils and their families."*
- The report went on to state that pupils behave well, are polite, respectful and really care for each other and have a very clear understanding of equality. Staff were also praised for their support for children with SEND and their ability to ensure they can access the full curriculum.
- The inspector specifically highlighted the relationship we have with our lovely parents, saying: *"Parents and carers are overwhelmingly positive about the school. One parent, typical of many, said of the staff, 'They really are more of a big family than a school. Nothing is too much, and they go the extra mile. I do recommend this school to anyone and everyone!'"*

We are thrilled for all our pupils, colleagues and community on this fantastic Ofsted report. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we have kept our children's education and care at the heart of all we do, and it is wonderful to read the marvellous feedback we have received. Miss Wright and I are so proud of our entire staff team – they work tirelessly to provide the very best support and opportunities for our pupils and thoroughly deserve this to be so clearly reflected in this report.

A huge thanks to all of you for your continued support, it is always appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Head of School