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Dear Parents

I am pleased to be able to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection with you. The scheduled inspection was what Ofsted call an ungraded inspection (section 8) which is designed to see how we are performing since our last graded inspection in June 2019. Ofsted has reported that our actions have been effective, and we have maintained our "Good" rating.

In particular, the inspectors noted the respectful atmosphere and behaviour in school which is excellent to see and especially the way older pupils take a lead in helping us build a positive and happy environment.

"Pupils are confident and friendly. They are self-assured and talk about their pride in their school. They are polite to others in the school. This creates a respectful atmosphere. Many pupils and staff members have developed positive relationships. Pupils learn they can rely on staff, which makes them feel well cared for."

"Older pupils are positive role models. Pupils contribute to the school through positions of responsibility. For example, members of the school council have improved the school for the pupils by fundraising for new playground equipment. Pupils learn about various faiths and cultures. The school's strong focus on pupils' understanding of democracy and other fundamental British values prepares them well for life beyond school."

In September 2020 we made some changes to the curriculum, most recently to English and it is good to see that this work has been recognised.

"The school's curriculum is carefully planned from Reception to Year 6. Staff ensure that learning connects, and that important knowledge is revisited. This helps pupils to learn and remember ideas and concepts well. Generally, staff have strong subject knowledge. They explain tasks clearly to pupils. They create suitable subject-specific activities that further develop pupils' knowledge. As a result, pupils learn well in most subjects."

The report also notes a small area for further improvement which we had already identified and have been taking action. Changes to the curriculum in some subjects means that we are focusing closely on some older pupils to make sure they are fully confident in all subject topics. Ofsted has noted that this work is progressing well but as we know it is not yet completed.

Inspectors have also recognised how the support of our governors and the St Francis of Assisi Trust continue to benefit the growth of the school and our approach to standards.

"The school works closely with governors and the trust. Trustees hold the school accountable and carry out their statutory duties. This support and challenge helps the school to continually improve. Parents appreciate the school's nurturing environment, which benefits their children."

I am extremely proud that all the hard work of the pupils and staff, with the support of our governors and the Trust, has been recognised.

Your sincerely,

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