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Dear Parents and Carers,

At last, I am sharing with you our good news and the outcomes from our most recent Ofsted Inspection.

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good

I am sure you will agree that the full report has captured the strengths of our school. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some additional feedback given by Inspectors at the concluding meeting with Governors, the Senior Leadership Team, the Herts for Learning Effective Advisor and the Diocese. The inspectors said that our children are, 'polite, incredibly kind and happy'. They are 'enthusiastic to share their work and excited about their learning'. 'There is a strong community feel', 'Parents are supportive of the school'.

The Lead Inspector (HMI) also commented that he wished there was a grading of 'securely good or really good'.

Before you read the full report, I am drawing your attention to the first two paragraphs. Inspectors certainly left with a true understanding of our school community.

"Many pupils are very happy here. They feel valued as unique individuals. Respecting differences is incredibly important. There are high levels of respect towards anyone who is different. Pupils are keen to share their views and opinions. They know their peers will listen attentively to them while they do this. The school has high expectations for what pupils can achieve. Pupils work hard to reach these expectations. They behave well during lessons and in their free time. Older pupils help younger children to settle into the school day by supporting them to play games at the breakfast club. The dining hall is an enjoyable place for pupils to eat and chat with their friends about their day."

We really do have an amazing community and I must thank each member of staff, the children, and you the parents for your support. The areas for improvement are already addressed within our School Development Plan and I know that, with the dedicated staff team, amazing children and supportive parents, we will continue to improve, ensuring the best start in life for our children. I hope you enjoy reading the report.

Have a lovely weekend,

Alexandra Whitty Acting Headteacher

