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Dear Parents/Carers

I'm sure you were aware the School was inspected by Ofsted on 12th–13th September 2017 and I am delighted to announce that New Mills School has received an Ofsted **Good judgement**. **The Good judgement was awarded in all areas, including** Leadership & Management, Teaching, Learning & Assessment, Personal Development, Behaviour & Welfare, Outcomes for pupils and 16-19 study programmes.

[The full report is available on the school's website](#) or a hard copy can be collected from Reception. Copies will also be emailed home to parents/carers. Alternatively, please do let us know if you would like one posted home to you.

Below are just a few of the key points from the inspection report that recognize the valuable work we do here at New Mills School:

- Leaders and governors have transformed the standard of education at this school. The quality of teaching and pupils' outcomes are good and improving rapidly.
- Teachers are committed to their own development. Teachers plan learning meticulously and consider pupils' needs carefully.
- Pupils make good progress in most subjects, including English and Mathematics, across all year groups, including the sixth form. The most able pupils attain as well as others nationally in many but not all subjects.
- While the achievement of disadvantaged pupils remains a key focus for the school, the progress of these pupils is improving quickly. The difference in attainment between disadvantaged pupils and others is rapidly diminishing.
- The support provided for pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities is sensitive and effective. Pupils make good progress from their different starting points.
- Pupils are polite and courteous. They are proud of their school and value the support and opportunities provided for them. They regularly make valuable contributions to the local community and charities.
- Pupils are accepting of differences and warmly welcome newcomers to the school.
- The restructuring of leadership roles has strengthened the leadership of pupils' behaviour. Leaders' new and effective strategies have improved pupils' attendance and reduced exclusions, but a small number of pupils remain persistently absent from school.
- While the sixth form is closing, students are supported well to achieve their post-18 aspirations. The study programmes are implemented effectively by leaders.
- Governance has strengthened since the previous inspection. Governors are skilled and ambitious and hold leaders to account effectively.

These points are just a small snapshot of the full judgement and I do hope that you take the time read it in its entirety, as you may not know of all the work we do to support and challenge the young people in our school.

I would like to thank all those members of the school community who shared their comments with the inspection team and also those parents/carers who took the time to share their views on Parent View, Ofsted's on-line questionnaire. The parents, carers and students of New Mills School have always put their faith in us and I am incredibly pleased today that this loyalty has been rewarded with an outcome that we knew we deserved.

Whilst I am extremely pleased with the outcome of the visit, it is not a surprise. We have been ready for this inspection for a long time now and we welcomed the Ofsted team earlier this term, gratified to have the opportunity to demonstrate the excellent education we offer. Nonetheless this is a welcome moment for everybody at New Mills School; staff, governors, students and families. The positive outcome of this inspection is the result of the dedication, ambition, high expectations and hard work of all staff at NMS.

As we start the next stage of our journey to 'Outstanding', I look forward to working with the whole-school community to realise this but, more importantly, continuing to ensure that every student who learns with us is enabled to 'be the best that they can be'.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McGloin', written in a cursive style.

Mrs D McGloin
(A very proud) Headteacher