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Dear Parents,

Our most recent OFSTED report has now been finalised and will be published on our website on Friday and then on the OFSTED website on Monday at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>. We encourage all parents to read the report and please do come and talk to us if you have any questions.

We are pleased that the report recognised the progress the school has made over the past three years and that 'academic standards are rising' but we accept OFSTED's view that this work is not yet completed and so their judgement that the school still 'Requires Improvement' we believe to be fair.

We are also pleased that the inspectors found many strengths in the school including safeguarding, early reading and phonics provision, sport and sports participation in the wider community, e-safety knowledge and attendance. Thank you all for the positive comments on parent view and for those parents attending the open school sessions during the inspection who spoke so favourably about the work we are doing together. To see that 96% of parents who responded to Parent View support the school was excellent. We really appreciate this support and we will continue to work hard to build on this in future years.

As a school, we have a clear understanding of where our strengths are and we were already working on the areas identified within the report to develop further consistency. As you know, we have been working on a new curriculum in which some subjects in Key Stage 2 are shared between teachers. OFSTED and the children they spoke to talked very positively about this new approach but unfortunately we were only three weeks into its implementation when we were inspected. Please look at the Curriculum tab of the school website to see how this work is progressing. We now also have a SENCO in place who has achieved the National Award for Special Education Needs.

As you can imagine, we were disappointed to have not yet reached the threshold for 'Good' in the new and more demanding OFSTED framework. This is a goal we have been working extremely hard to reach in time for the inspection under Mr Gray's leadership and we are continuing to strive hard for this goal in his absence through close partnership with leaders from across the SMART Trust. Over the past two years, pupils have achieved a doubling of their scores in Phonics and last year, doubled their achievements in Maths, Writing and Reading. This year there is every indication that children in all year groups will make progress in line with national averages in all core areas for the first time in the school's recent history.





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If you require a paper copy of the report, please contact the school and we will arrange for a copy to be posted out to you.

Thank you once again for your support.

Warmest regards

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