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Dear Parents and carers

Thank you for your fantastic support during our recent Ofsted inspection. It was very challenging and gave us an opportunity to demonstrate some of the great things about Whytemead Primary School. We were very proud that Ofsted recognised what amazing children we have at Whytemead and how supportive the parents are of the school. Thank you for all your kind words and messages during the inspection.

The inspection team recognised many of our strengths and I would encourage you to read the full report. These are a few of the many positive points from the report.

***'The headteacher leads the school with passion and determination. Together with his deputy, he has created a nurturing, welcoming school community in which pupil's feel safe and well cared for'***

***'A strong ethos of respect exists throughout the school; this is reflected in pupil's good behaviour'***

***'Pupil's benefit from a curriculum which has been designed to make learning fun and meaningful'***

***'Teaching provides a range of interesting activities across all areas of the early years'***

***'All school leaders are committed and keen for the school to improve'***

Although they have identified many of our strengths, they have also given the school some areas for improvement, to focus on moving forward. We have already taken some action to address these points and have adapted our school action plan in response to the areas identified.

As the school was not judged 'Good' in all areas, it has been categorised as 'Requires Improvement'. It is important to understand that since the last inspection we have grown into a Primary school, faced budget challenges and the framework for inspection has changed twice. The latest framework was only published two weeks prior to our inspection.

Obviously we are disappointed with this judgement and have made it our mission to move out of this category as soon as possible. The staff and governors will work relentlessly to succeed on this journey of improvement.

If you would like to speak to me about any aspect of the report please contact me. Please see link below to the summary report that will be published on our website from today.

[http://www.whytemead.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/ofsted\\_24th-25th\\_april\\_2018](http://www.whytemead.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/ofsted_24th-25th_april_2018)

The full report will be on the Ofsted website from the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018. A hard copy can be provided by the office.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/125861>

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Ward', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Mr G. Ward

Head teacher