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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are all aware we had a short OFSTED inspection on the 1st March 2018. The report has been uploaded onto the school website under the tab 'Key Information' - 'Ofsted Report'. Here is the link to the report <https://goo.gl/y8gUsp>

Thank you to all the parents who supported this by responding to the on-line survey, talking with the inspector and supporting your child/children.

There are many positive comments which we are proud of:

- Caring and safe school
- Majority of children behave well
- Children are polite
- The commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum
- A positive learning environment
- The number of opportunities such as the residential visits
- Commitment and dedication of staff to the pupils

However, there are two serious areas of concern that we have been aware of for some time. The first of which is the lack of progress in reading skills in all key stages but particularly in key stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) when some parents feel that their child can read now and so their input is not important. This is NOT the case!

This shortcoming cannot be addressed solely by the school itself. It is more important that parents involve themselves in raising the reading standards. The best way of raising standards is for parents/carers to encourage and take a pro-active interest in their child reading in their home environment. We will also continue to work on the children's reading development to help the children develop wider vocabulary and comprehension skills.

The second issue is very much in the hands of parents to take school attendance in the seriousness it requires. Tackling persistent absences has to be the responsibility of parents to ensure their child/children attend school. This includes being in school on time for registration (8:45am – 8:55am).

I would be very disappointed to feel that after all the hard work the staff and myself have put in to develop the high standards of school, that the overall standard should be put into jeopardy due to a few families who do not work in partnership with the school.



The school remains a GOOD school but the OFSTED inspector is arranging a full inspection possibly within the next 18 months. It is very important to everybody in this school community to work together to address the issues and to maintain the high standards that we all expect.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

