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'Sharing, Caring, Learning and Loving with God'

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Chair of Governors I want to write to you to share the contents of the Ofsted Report following our inspection on 5-6 November.

There were areas in the report graded "Good" nevertheless our overall grade is "Requires Improvement."

Indeed the report recognises governors were "aware of the school's strengths and of the areas that need to improve." We were able to demonstrate these and other improvement plans to Ofsted. The headteacher alongside the local authority has already implemented actions to improve the school's grading since the start of term.

We would like to thank parents and staff for supporting the changes that our headteacher has made. Ofsted confirmed during inspection that the changes that our headteacher has made since the beginning of term have had a positive impact on the quality of education and our systems and practise. Part of this process will involve further changes that the headteacher will put in place in order to restore our 'Good' grading.

The national inspection framework has changed significantly in recent months and has become increasingly demanding. It is therefore to the credit of the school staff, governors, parents and most importantly the pupils, that this report mentions many of the strengths of the school, for example:

- Pupils enjoy coming to the school, they say they are happy and feel safe at the school and you agree;
- Staff are very caring about pupils and keep them safe;
- As parents and carers, you praise the changes our headteacher has made and welcome the higher expectations for what your children can do;

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- Staff are working hard to make sure that pupils receive a full and rich curriculum, particularly in the teaching of mathematics and science.; and
- Pupils demonstrate the values of the school through their behaviour. They show respect towards each other, towards their teachers and towards other adults.

You will see in the report that steps have already been taken by the headteacher to improve the leadership skills for curriculum leaders and to improve the skills of teachers to help pupils to apply their phonics knowledge confidently to their reading and writing.

Staff are supportive of the new headteacher and understand the reasons for the changes that she has put in place across the school.

The report is based largely upon what the inspectors saw and evidenced on the two days of the inspection.

We would like to thank all parents and carers who completed the Ofsted parental survey on-line. It was wonderful to see and hear of such supportive comments from you about our school.

There is so much to be proud of at the school and although the grade is disappointing, this now gives us an exciting opportunity to reflect and grow our school together under the direction of our new headteacher so that all members of our community can flourish.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Watkin

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Chair of Governors
2nd December 2019.

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