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Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to be able to send you a copy of our recent Ofsted report. As you know, our school was subject to a periodic Ofsted inspection on 6th June. This was initially a one-day short inspection by a single lead inspector. However, as we are a large school, it was not possible to complete the inspection in a single day and, therefore, the lead inspector returned for a second day with three additional inspectors and performed a full inspection of the school.

As you can see from the report, the inspection team have graded the school as **Good** overall as well as in each of the four inspection areas. The report also provides details of how the inspectors reached their judgements in each area, including their views on the school's strengths and weaknesses. This information will provide a key input into our school improvement plans going forward.

We are very pleased with the outcome of the inspection and we feel that the report provides a fair assessment of the position of the school, and that the findings of the report agree with our own school self-assessment. We are also very pleased that the inspection team recognised that **'the school's capacity for further improvement is good'** as we also feel that the school is in a strong position to build on its achievements and work towards becoming an Outstanding school.

The inspection team recognised the strong leadership at all levels within the school, noting that **'Leaders know their school well and have implemented rapid improvements'**. The report also notes that **'Leaders are ambitious for pupils to make the progress of which they are capable'** and this highlights our commitment to delivering on our ethos of Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.

The inspectors observed that our **'Teachers make learning enjoyable'** and our **'Pupils work hard in lessons and are proud of their achievement'**. We are very proud of our pupils; that they enjoy school and that they achieve well at our school.

We were also pleased to see that the inspectors acknowledged the work we have done recently to improve communications with you, particularly ensuring homework is understood and supported and also providing helpful information through the school's website. We will look for further ways to build confidence with parents as recommended in the report.

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The report notes that a small minority of parents raised concerns with the inspectors and we would like to have the opportunity to address these. Unfortunately we do not have access to the comments submitted via Parent View, so please come and speak to us or contact us via email ([chair@sj.jetrust.org](mailto:chair@sj.jetrust.org)) so that we can properly understand these issues and do our best to resolve them.

A full Ofsted inspection is a rigorous process and we would like to thank all of the school's staff for their hard work to make sure we were ready to answer all of the inspectors' questions and to show off the fantastic work that our children do at school. We would also like to thank you for all the support you provide to the school and to your children's learning.

Yours faithfully

Hazel Hayter

Executive Head Teacher.

Peter Gould

Chair of Governors

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