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Dear Parents and Carers

We have great pleasure in attaching the letter, which we received yesterday, following our visit from Ofsted just before Easter.

We are absolutely delighted with the outcomes reported and would like to thank all the parents who completed the parent view questionnaire or spoke directly to the Inspector.

There are many comments that we could highlight, that we are very proud to read, but we do not wish to repeat what is written in the letter – the words speak for themselves. However we would like to comment on what the inspector said really stood out for him and that was the ethos and atmosphere within the school. This is nothing that can be manufactured or prepared for when the inspectors call – it is something that takes years to develop and will only be in place when all members of the school community are pulling in the same direction with the same expectations. The only preparation the children had was that we told them to do what they usually do because that makes us proud and we are pleased to say they did and we were!

The Inspector refers to a recommendation for a Section 5 Inspection. This is an additional two day inspection that will take place within two years. This will be to ascertain whether the school can move into the category of outstanding as suggested by evidence from this inspection. This is a new process by Ofsted and we are the first school in Cambridgeshire to be nominated for a Section 5 visit for improved performance, under this framework. Achieving a grade of Outstanding, under the current framework, is a very exacting task and we hope that you will join us in thanking the staff and Governors of the school for their dedicated work in achieving this result.

To this end, the school will continue to strive to be 'The best that it can be' so that the return Ofsted visit will be able to confirm these initial judgements.

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith
Headteacher

Mr John Petre
Chair of Governors



