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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Ofsted Report

I am writing to let you know that Ofsted have now issued their report which will be published on their website by Friday 20th December 2024.

As most of you will probably know, from September 2024 the Department for Education removed the one word judgement and therefore each separate area of inspection is now given it's own judgement.

The inspection framework and criteria has changed completely since our last inspection way back in 2013 and similarly, our school has changed beyond recognition since that time too.

We are all delighted with the report which is incredibly positive and only gives us two areas for improvement.

Some of the 'headlines' we are especially proud of are:

- The genuine care and aspiration for pupils shines through the ambitious curriculum and the school's KFC Values.
- Leaders have skilfully navigated recent challenges in the best interests of pupils. Disruption to learning has been minimal.
- Staff and leaders have worked with dogged determination and admirable flexibility to ensure the safety of pupils while continuing to improve the curriculum.
- Subject leaders are passionate, dedicated and knowledgeable.
- Pupils with SEND have their needs met well.
- Pupils' personal development is rooted in the school's Character Development curriculum.
- Staff are resilient...leaders are considerate of staff welfare and workload

Our AFI's (Areas for Improvement):

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- The school should ensure that pupils develop a secure understanding of British Values so that they are well prepared for life in modern Britain.
- Too many pupils are persistently absent from school. The school should redouble its efforts to support pupils' and families' understanding of the social and educational consequences of poor attendance.

I am delighted that in the report the whole team have received the recognition they deserve in terms of their resilience, dedication and commitment to our children and our school.

As you know, the last 18 months has been full of disasters and challenges and I will be forever proud of how the whole team have pulled together. Having this wonderful report is a fantastic way to end 2024.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the parent/carer survey; thank you to those of you who spoke to the Ofsted Inspector and to those of you who wrote letters of support – the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and very touching. It is lovely to know how much the school is valued as part of our amazing, unique and special community.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a lovely Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross
Head Teacher