Dear parents and carers,

As you will remember, in February we were inspected by Ofsted. The outcome of the inspection has now been finalised and the report is available for you to read on our school website.

Whilst we retained our judgement of Good for Early Years and for Personal Development, we were disappointed to be graded requires Improvement for Quality of Education and Behaviour and Attitudes. These judgements limit the Leadership and Management and Overall Effectiveness judgement to Requires Improvement.

Publication of the report has been delayed by Ofsted because we challenged factual aspects of it and also submitted a complaint about procedural and conduct issues. The reason for our challenge was that we do not feel that the overall judgement is a true reflection of our school or our children, nor does it reflect the work that we do. However, we were delighted that the strengths of our Early Years Department and our Personal Development Curriculum were recognised. Many other strengths were also commented upon in verbal feedback during the two day inspection, some of which is reflected in the report.

What particularly shone through was the enthusiasm and attitudes of our children and their enjoyment of their time in school, The Inspectors loved meeting them and spoke very positively about them. The quality of relationships, the commitment and ambition of Leaders and the ethos of our school were noted.

Although disappointed with the judgement, we do not disagree with the identified areas for improvement. They were already our priority areas following our own self evaluation. It is just a shame that the inspection process does not recognise work in progress.

We have continued to focus on our improvement priorities since the Inspection, and will continue to do so. We will look forward to Ofsted returning in two years’ time when we will demonstrate the progress we have made.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher Chair of Governors