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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re Full Ofsted Report November 2012

Please find attached the report of our recent Ofsted visit.

The governors and staff are extremely pleased with the overall outcome of this report, although we know how much work we still have to do.

The new Ofsted process sees a change to the classification of schools; 'satisfactory' has been replaced with 'requires improvement'. Requires improvement **is not** inadequate; although inadequate remains a classification.

The big thing to keep in mind is that the new process is not a 'snap-shot' of the school, but makes a judgement with things like 'achievement' and 'teaching' using published and school data from the last 3 years. We cannot change the past but we are affecting the future, illustrated with comments like; *'There is clear evidence that the school is improving strongly'* (Page 6) and *'Teaching is now improving quickly and there is a stable teaching team helping pupils to make better progress.'* (Page 5)

We have come a long way since our last inspection and as you read through the report you will see that the school has now achieved good in 2 out of the 4 categories and is in touching distance of 'good' overall. We have no doubt that at the next inspection the improvements will have been sustained over time; which will enable the grading, for our overall effectiveness, to be 'good' with the movement then to be towards outstanding.

There is a 'Parent Forum' at 6pm tomorrow evening (Thurs) where the report can be discussed. The report will be available on the Ofsted website from 6th Dec 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Nicholas
Chair of Governors