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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to share with you our Ofsted Report. Our school has been judged as Good, with Outstanding features, which is a testament to all the hard work and determination of all the staff, to ensure that the quality of education that children receive and their wider experiences within school, are of a high quality. The children throughout the two days were also a credit to the school and yourselves. Their articulation about their learning and their experiences in school were exemplary.

The Ofsted process is a full two-day assessment, and during this time inspectors gather a large quality of evidence which informs their judgement. The report is very brief in comparison to the feedback provided at the end of the inspection and we would love to celebrate further positive feedback comments that the inspectors saw and documented whilst they were here.

#### Quality of Education, including Early Years:

The inspectors were very impressed with the quality of education, specifically the pupils' retention of knowledge and how ambitious and well-sequenced the curriculum is. The inspection confirmed the school's own analysis and has identified writing as an area of improvement. The school had already implemented improvement strategies and is working on strengthening writing especially in the lower school. We will continue to develop this area throughout the year, and beyond.

The school was commended for being so inclusive, as pupils with SEND are well supported, work alongside their peers and achieve in line with year group expectations. All pupils are fully included and receive the appropriate adaptations to help them be successful in their learning.

The Early Years was outlined as a strength of the school and the staff are providing stimulating and relevant learning opportunities for the children whilst also recognising and supporting the children to develop socially. This ensures the children have the foundations to progress well at the beginning of their education journey.

#### Behaviour and Attitudes:

The children conducted themselves very well throughout the inspection. They shared with the inspection team how much they enjoy their learning and it was noted how much they engaged with the teaching and expectations so positively. Throughout the inspection the children's behaviour was very positive, they

showed tolerance, respect and positive attitudes. However, due to the school's attendance statistics being slightly below national averages, there was an impact on the judgement within this section.

#### Personal Development:

We are very pleased to be recognised as providing outstanding personal development opportunities, as this is an area which has been a great focus at Offord Primary School in recent years. It is recognised that as a small school there could be limitations on what can be achieved; however, they noted that we are always ensuring these barriers are overcome.

The inspection team particularly noted that the school welcomes parents into the school environment regularly which enables us to build a strong parental partnership. They also noted that we have put support in place for our pupils to help them in becoming more confident learners, developing social skills and overcoming social anxiety.

#### Leadership and Management:

The Leadership and Management's outstanding judgement reflects the journey the school has been on since the last inspection. The school leaders have benefited from being part of the Trust which has provided support for school development initiatives. It has also provided finances to improve the structural parts of the school, such as our new walls and vital resources. It was recognised that leaders have implemented high level provision and set the ground for sustainable school improvement, which was communicated as exceptional leadership and management.

From the whole team at Offord and myself, I would like to express thanks for all for your support over the past 4 and half years. It is very much appreciated and has enabled the team to progress along this journey resulting in an Ofsted inspection to be proud of.

If you would like to know any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards



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