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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to inform you that the final Ofsted inspection report from our two-day section 8 inspection on 21 and 22 November 2023 accompanies this covering letter. The report will also be accessible via the school website today and published on the official Ofsted report website, eight working days from today's date.

The purpose of a section 8 inspection is to gauge whether a school continues to be 'good' as indicated in our previous report in June 2018, or to ascertain whether there is evidence to suggest a school is above or below its original grading.

This is a very pleasing report, particularly at a time when the benchmark for 'Good' is at the highest level it has ever been. The Ofsted inspection was thorough, robust and professionally rigorous. The leadership team were open and transparent around all aspects of school life and had much evidence to support the inspection process.

The report itself is detailed and highlights the many elements of effective provision at Horsford Primary as well as the next steps needed to take the school forward. What is very satisfying is that the next step identified was already within our development plan prior to this inspection and was already at action stages.

The most important part of the process for us was that the Inspector was able to clearly see and feedback on the aspects of the school that make Horsford Primary a unique place to learn and work. We have included a few extracts from the report that highlight the vision, values and commitment that reflect our school:

- "They (pupils) know that staff care passionately about their physical and emotional well-being."
- "Pupils demonstrate a love of learning because of the high expectations of their teachers."
- "Pupils know their teachers expect them to behave at their very best. As a result, pupils behave consistently well."
- "Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum" and "have prioritised reading."
- "Pupils are kind, compassionate and respect those who are different from them."

The OFSTED report is undoubtedly positive. The most important focus for us though, is that we maintain our unwavering commitment to the highest quality of education, care and opportunity for every child at Horsford Primary. We will never become complacent, will relentlessly focus on improvement, learn from our mistakes and that we will continue to have the highest expectations and ambition for every child at our school and in our federation.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to our pupils, families, and staff for all the hard work and support you have given us in helping us to create a school of which we are all proud.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their continued hard work and commitment to the school. They work tirelessly every day to ensure that the children have access to an exciting and varied curriculum, as well as many extra-curricular activities that often take up lots of free time, outside of working hours. We are honoured to work with such a wonderful staff and can't express enough how thankful we are for all they do.

It also goes without saying that we would like to thank the children in school who work hard to achieve their best; to be kind and to make the school the happy place it is. We are so proud of every one of them for all they do, each and every day.

We do hope that parents and carers take the time to read the inspection report in full as it represents a school that is not only good, but one that aims to improve further and with the children at the heart of its work.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,



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