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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Ofsted Report

I am delighted to inform you that we have received the Ofsted report from our inspection last July. You will receive a copy via email and it is also available on the school website.

As many of you know, this is the second Ofsted visit Oaklands have received since my appointment, the first taking place in my second term in April 2022. That visit was a section 8 inspection, which was a monitoring visit where unless serious concerns were raised, the grading would not change. However, although the school was still graded 'Good', the opening paragraph stated "... *the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might not be as high if a full inspection were carried out now. The next inspection will therefore be a full (section 5) inspection.*" This meant that Oaklands was in a category of schools regarded as 'declining good' and, had the inspection been a section 5, we would have been judged as 'Requires Improvement'.

Our new grading from the July 2023 section 5 inspection has judged Oaklands to be a 'Good' school, reflecting the huge effort and progress made in the 15 months between inspections. Inspectors recognised that, "*Leaders have successfully addressed the areas for improvement from the last inspection.*"

Prior to the visit in July 2023, leaders had already identified elements of the two areas for improvement given, concerning some foundation subjects (any subject other than English, maths or science). The specific subjects referred to are history and geography. This will remain a key focus and form part of our School Development Plan.

We were incredibly proud of the children during the inspection; their maturity, kindness, respect and manners are clearly reflected in the report.

I would like to thank staff for their commitment and determination over the last two years as required changes were put in place, and governors for their support and valuable contributions toward this judgement. We now look forward to a period of consolidation and refining practice. Staff are proud of the school and the report; we recognise that this is another positive step in our ongoing development and we will continue to make improvements to maintain our upward trajectory.

Finally, thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to fill in Ofsted's parent view survey. The positivity you showed about the school was very much appreciated and helped to build a picture of a cohesive school community.

Best regards

Mr T Hassan
Headteacher