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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find enclosed the final report from our most recent Ofsted inspection on 29th and 30th November.

We were very pleased that the inspection team highlighted a number of areas which reflect the positive ethos and values of our school (*'Children leave school as kind and respectful citizens'*). We were also pleased that the significant work the team have put into building our curriculum was recognised with especially positive feedback in regard to reading (*'Leaders ensure that pupils learn to read quickly...pupils love reading'*), PE (*teachers understand the sequence of what pupils learn'*), PSHE (*'pupils develop a clear sense of what is right and wrong'*) and the early years' curriculum (*'The curriculum for early years is ambitious and well-planned'*). Inspectors also agreed that our safeguarding practice is effective.

As you will read, inspectors identified three areas for further improvement. Governors and leaders had already identified these through our ongoing monitoring, and plans were already in place to address them. Inspectors agreed with this but have asked us to drive these changes more rapidly. They also have asked us to ensure that our curriculum plans are consistently implemented across all classes. We are committed to this too.

We are aware that the overall judgement of 'requires improvement' is disappointing. The current Ofsted inspection framework is a very different, not to mention more rigorous structure, than the system under which the school was previously inspected in 2009. The school has been through significant change in this time and we look forward to the next exciting phase in our journey with the ASCAT trust.

We are confident that at our next inspection (which will be within the next four years) the outcome will reflect the progress we have made. We thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards,

Mr David Swarbrick

Chair of Governors

Mrs K Little

Executive Headteacher



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