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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which highlights the continued success and development of our school. We are thrilled that the kind and caring ethos of SMAS, where everyone feels 'valued and included' has been recognised by the inspection team.

The changes we have made to our curriculum since the last inspection have been substantial, and we are proud to see the positive impact on pupils' achievement. Of particular note is how pupils are inspired by engaging learning opportunities. These experiences help to broaden our pupils' horizons and foster a love of learning that goes beyond the classroom. Although we are still embedding curriculum provision in certain subjects, the focus on continuous improvement remains central to our approach.

Our commitment to setting high expectations for behaviour has also been recognised, contributing to a calm and orderly environment where pupils thrive. The inspectors were impressed by how older pupils help to support younger pupils, further strengthening our school community.

Another key strength identified in the report is the support provided to pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). It was noted that the school ensures every child has access to the best possible education, with tailored support that enables them to succeed.

The inspectors were also pleased to see our school's focus on reading and oracy, where children learn to read confidently and articulate their ideas effectively. Our vibrant library and expertly delivered phonics programme are integral to this; the inspectors also noted how much the children enjoy reading and learning.

Crucially, the report highlights our strong focus on personal development, describing it as 'a shining strength' of the school's provision. Highlighted particularly, were the opportunities for developing leadership and our effective personal, social, and health education curriculum, which equips our pupils with important life skills and values, such as respect for diversity and tolerance.

We also value the partnership we have with you, our parents and carers. Your engagement with the school through regular communications and support for initiatives has been instrumental in ensuring the success of our pupils. We will continue to offer creative ways to keep you informed and involved in your child's learning.

Finally, the report recognises the dedication and commitment of our incredible staff, whose hard work and positive attitude play such a vital role in ensuring that our pupils receive the best possible holistic education.

We are excited about the future and remain committed to our drive to innovate, improve and ensure children are getting the best possible educational provision.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and trust in our school. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to discuss the report further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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