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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your support last week during our Ofsted Inspection. The whole process went very well and all staff, governors and children felt comfortable throughout.

We were so grateful to all the parents who filled in Parent View and added their comments. The inspector said that she was 'overwhelmed by the parental support and the wonderful comments written'. She said she had read all of the comments and then she gave us the headlines. She said she wished we could actually read them ourselves to understand the support we had but it wasn't allowed as part of the inspection. However she did say that she would try to quote from the comments within the final report.

Our inspection was a Section 8 which means it was just a check to see if we remained 'Good'. This was not the same as last time (section 5) where we would get an extensive report of all areas.

The inspector explained that the final report would be brief and wouldn't delve into everything they looked at. However, she gave the senior leadership over 2 hours of verbal feedback and I can assure you she picked out so many useful points which I have been able to feedback to staff and governors.

It will be a couple of weeks before we will receive the final report and as soon as we do, we will share it with you and I can add more detail at that point if needed.

At this stage I just wanted to make sure you knew how much we appreciated your positive and thorough comments. The inspection felt like a real team effort from both home and school.

Finally, one thing that I can tell you right now is that the inspector said our children were 'delightful'. Some of the things they told her would melt any heart and a few of us have already had tearful moments listening to what they told her! She didn't see one negative comment or any incident of poor behaviour from any child during the





whole visit. Your children did us proud and we will make sure they all get a treat of choice this week within their classes.

Thanks so much everybody and we will really look forward to sharing the final report with you soon!

Best wishes

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