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Dear Families,

On 4.7.23, Ofsted visited the school for one day. The Ofsted Report is attached to this letter.

It was a very *interesting* experience. Ofsted have continued to judge us as a good school but are recommending that the next inspection should be a full inspection (2 days).

As the report states, the school has designed an ambitious curriculum for all pupils. This was introduced in September 2022 (after we had been working on revising the curriculum for past two years).

It was difficult for the inspectors to see the impact of this curriculum as it is still in its infancy and I do feel, had Ofsted arrived a year later, they would have been able to see more of what they wanted to see (e.g. links to previous learning, progress and impact of learning and the impact that subject leaders are making to their subject).

It was also a shame that inspectors did not see our Flashback Fives that happen at the beginning of every lesson! This is where staff are constantly assessing pupil's learning and ensuring learning is in their long-term memory. This is a strength of our teaching and learning practice that was missed by the team.

We will take onboard their comments and will continue to improve our practice. We are looking forward to welcoming Ofsted to our school again within the next few years so that they can see our strong practice more clearly, over two days, at a time when our ambitious curriculum will be more embedded.

If you would like to discuss any part of the report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Thorp
 (Headteacher)

