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Dear Families,

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We look forward to sharing our latest Ofsted report with you as soon as it is published. In the meantime, we thought it would be helpful to provide some information about the new style Ofsted Reports.

Under the new Ofsted framework, the previous single-word judgements have been removed and replaced with an Ofsted report card. Ofsted believe that this provides a more detailed picture of a school's performance, with individual colour coded gradings awarded across different areas.

What the new Ofsted grades tell you

The '**expected standard**' is a high standard, to make sure your children are receiving everything they need and deserve. It means the school is doing everything that it should be doing, so you'll see the light green colour coding on the report card.

Moving up the scale, '**strong standard**' marks out excellent, consistent work that's making a real difference for children and learners. This will be a dark green colour coding.

And finally, there's '**exceptional**'. We only award this grade when we see practice that is among the very best nationally, which should be shared with other schools or providers to help them improve. This will have a blue colour coding.

'**Needs attention**' is an indication that there is work to be done to reach the 'expected standard'. It's not a 'fail' but it highlights where issues can be addressed before they become bigger problems that need '**urgent improvement**'.

You may see a mix of grades across a report card: it's perfectly possible to achieve highly in some areas, and require a little more focus in others.

Safeguarding is assessed separately as either **'Met'** or **'Not Met'**.

There is also a section called '**What it is like to be a pupil at this school**' which summarises the day-to-day experience of students based on inspector observations and interviews with pupils.

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The New 5-Point Scale vs. Old System

There is **no direct "read-across" or formal translation** between the old and new systems because the evaluation criteria and reporting structures are fundamentally different. However, research suggests the following rough comparison:

- **Exceptional** *(Blue)*: Higher and rarer than the old "Outstanding".
- **Strong Standard** *(Dark Green)*: Closest rough alignment to a solid "Outstanding".
- **Expected Standard** *(Green)*: This broadly aligns with a “solid or strong Good" but is harder to achieve.
- **Needs Attention** *(Orange)*: Similar to aspects of a “low Good” or "Requires Improvement”.
- **Urgent Improvement** *(Red)*: Broadly comparable to severe concerns under "Inadequate".

We hope this information helps to explain the changes and provides some useful context when reading our latest Ofsted report which we will share with you as soon as it becomes available.

Many thanks,

Mr Paul Garratty

Head Teacher