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## Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share a copy of the final report from Ofsted following the inspection earlier this term. This will be published on the Ofsted website next week.

We are delighted that inspectors recognised the school's work in the areas of behaviour and personal development and graded the school to be **Good** in these areas. The report confirms that, **'Pupils are happy and secure in this friendly and welcoming school. Pupils feel safe and well cared for. They say that staff help them when they have any concerns. The school's caring and kind atmosphere contributes strongly to pupils' well-being and to their enjoyment of school.'** We are very proud of this.

Ofsted also judged Early Years to be **Good**, commenting that, **'Pupils make a strong start to the school in Reception' and 'Carefully crafted opportunities help pupils to practice what has been modelled'.**

We would like to reassure you that the school had already identified and was working on the areas identified for improvement. This is confirmed in the report which says, **'The school has the ambition and capacity to improve. Leaders have accurately identified the areas in need of rapid improvement. The work in these areas has started and is making a difference'**. At the time of the inspection, Individual Learning Plans for children with special educational needs were in the process of being updated to ensure they were precise and that planning reflected these. This work has now been completed.

In his verbal feedback to governors and leaders, the inspector confirmed that the key knowledge leaders want pupils to learn has been successfully implemented and is a strength. He acknowledged that staff know what pupils need to remember and their subject knowledge has developed strongly. This is communicated in the report which says, **'The curriculum is ambitious and well-sequenced. Staff deliver content clearly'**. Our school improvement plan had already prioritised work on assessment to ensure children's needs are fully supported to achieve to the best of their ability.

Since taking up post as Headteacher, I have had a relentless determination to provide the very best opportunities for the pupils of Bersted Green. Leadership of personal development, safeguarding, behaviour and attitudes as well as driving ambitions and leading changes on curriculum planning were described as strengths. The school is welcoming, children feel safe and embrace each other's differences. Significant improvements have been implemented in the curriculum, EYFS, teaching and learning and staff development. In recent weeks, governance has been strengthened with a new Chair of Governors having joined the school.

Leaders and governors are committed to building on the work which is already underway to drive forward all aspects of school improvement. We are incredibly proud of our children and staff and would like to thank you for the positive comments you shared with the inspection team.

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