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Dear Parents/Carers,

Revised Ofsted Inspection Information for Parents/Carers

We are writing to inform you that the way Ofsted carries out school inspections has recently changed, including how schools are evaluated and how inspection outcomes are reported.

Ofsted has introduced a new grading system alongside new-style report cards, which are designed to give parents and carers a clearer and more detailed picture of a school's strengths and areas for development. As part of this change, schools are now assessed using five-point grades, rather than the four overall judgements used in the past.

It is important to emphasise that this is a fresh approach to inspection and reporting and the new grades cannot be directly compared to previous Ofsted judgements. The intention is to move away from simple headline labels and towards a more balanced and informative overview of a school's performance.

Ofsted has produced a short video which clearly explains these key changes, including how the new grading system works and how to read and understand the new-look report cards. We would encourage parents and carers to watch this video, as it is a helpful resource in understanding the updated inspection framework:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kb1OFvY976g>

We hope this information is useful and helps provide clarity around the recent changes to Ofsted inspections. As always, we remain committed to working in partnership with families to ensure the very best outcomes for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Karl Hopkinson

Headteacher