Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed
Church of England (Aided) Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, Ofsted Inspectors visited our school at the beginning of Term1. I am pleased to say that I can now share the report with you. It is important to note that the way schools are graded has changed considerably since our last inspection with one-word judgements no longer a feature. Schools are now evaluated against a range of specific areas with each area receiving a rating. The exception to this is the key area of Safeguarding which is graded 'met' or 'not met'.
The inspection recognised many strengths of our school, including:

- *Pupils explain their learning confidently and demonstrate secure understanding*
- *Reading is a clear strength*
- *Leaders have thought about how pupils learn*
- *Teachers demonstrate detailed subject knowledge*
- *Pupils learn how to keep themselves safe, including online*
- *Pupils apply the school's values*
- *Pupils feel well cared for and secure in school*
- *Pupils understand expectations and behave well in lessons and around school*
- *Pupils show care and kindness towards each other*

We are delighted that the report highlights the hard work, enthusiasm, and achievements of our pupils, as well as the dedication of our staff. We are particularly proud that inspectors noted, *'The nurture and care that pupils receive makes a positive impact on their lives'.*
Whilst there is much to celebrate in the report, we also recognise the areas that we need to focus on and to this end we remain committed to strive to improve the quality of education and opportunities we provide for all our pupils. We will carefully consider the report's findings and continue to work together to ensure every child in our school can thrive and achieve their best. Ofsted will be keeping an eye on our progress and can change our judgements accordingly before another full inspection so we will keep you up to date on developments.

I would like to thank all parents and carers who completed Ofsted's Parent View questionnaire and those who took the time to speak with inspectors. Your continued support plays an important role in the success of our school community.
A copy of the full report will be available on the Ofsted website and can also be accessed via our school website www.whitstable-endowed.kent.sch.uk/ofsted-siams . Ofsted have produced a helpful explainer clip, available on YouTube, to help understand the new Report card: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMMoqZv-DUU

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We are extremely proud of our pupils and of everything that our school community achieves together, letting our lights shine.
Yours sincerely,

Ellen Taylor

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Headteacher