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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent OFSTED inspection. After a thorough and rigorous process, we are extremely proud that Farndon Primary School has been rated as **Good** in all areas.

This is a significant and well-deserved achievement, reflecting the dedication, professionalism, and passion of our entire school community – staff, pupils, governors, and of course, you as parents and carers. The report recognises the high quality of teaching, pupils’ positive behaviour and attitudes, strong leadership, and the safe, nurturing environment we have worked hard to cultivate at Farndon.

While OFSTED reports are necessarily concise and do not always fully reflect the depth of a school’s work, the inspectors provided detailed feedback to senior leaders and governors. We were pleased that they were particularly impressed by the following:

* Tracking by the assessment manager is excellent and thorough and Leaders then ensure early intervention is in place.
* There has been a lot of work on the development point of Phonics and this subject is strong.
* Leaders ensure that they are inclusive for all. There is clear evidence that SEND pupils are accessing the same learning with some carefully considered adaptations. Pupils with complex needs and working below are very well supported.
* The children are a credit to the school and there was very little evidence of low-level disruption in lessons – if any. Children were well engaged in lessons and relationships with adults and children is strong.
* The personal development and well-being of the pupils is strong. Pupils talked with pride about the community projects they have been involved and charitable work.
* Safeguarding is strong. All staff care deeply and do all they can to ensure they are safe.
* Leaders work hard. They are able to identify areas of weakness and are quick bring about change where it is needed.
* Governors are very keen and speak proudly of the school and its standing in the community. They feel they offer support and challenge in equal measure.

As many of you will be aware, there was a delay in the publication of the final report. This was due to a formal complaint submitted by the Local Authority, the Governing Body, and school leaders, concerning aspects of the report’s wording, the inspection process, and the conduct of the inspection team. I am pleased to inform you that several elements of the complaint were upheld by OFSTED.

While we are proud of this recognition, our focus remains on continuous improvement. We are already working on the next steps to build upon this success and strive for even greater outcomes for our pupils.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. It plays a crucial role in everything we achieve. The full OFSTED report will be available on our school website shortly, and we encourage you to read it and celebrate this success with us.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr A Walker**  
*Headteacher*