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Dear Parents,

**Ofsted Short Inspection Report**

As you know, we were inspected for a day by one inspector a couple of weeks ago. The job of the inspector in a short inspection is to verify the judgement that was made at the last inspection. If the judgement is called into question as a result of the short inspection, they arrange for a fuller inspection to follow.

We are happy to announce that the school remains Good and that we will not be further investigated. Even though the language of the Short Inspection Report is very formal (even rather terse in tone!), we are satisfied with it. The inspector was happy for us to continue working on the areas for development that we had already identified (spelling and mathematical reasoning) and did not include any further areas in the recommendations of the report. In other words, she was satisfied that our procedures for self-evaluation are sound and that our ability to implement successful change is not under question.

I would like to thank you for your positive support during the Ofsted week and for all your favourable responses in the Parent Survey. We really appreciated it.

A copy of the Inspection Report is attached to this letter. Please see the office if you require a paper copy.

**Astro-turfing of the Field**

I would like to update you on the astro-turf project. As you know, this project has been fraught with difficulties! Even the million pound extension of the school did not present so many obstacles to progress. However, there has been some positive development in the right direction recently. The Local Authority has funded the work of a specialist planner for the area. As the field is in an area of outstanding beauty, this person has arranged for a large number of surveys to take place prior to the planning application. These include: an archaeological survey, a topographical survey, a drainage & flood risk survey, a tree survey, an ecological appraisal survey, a protected species and bat roost assessment survey, a landscape and visual appraisal survey and a noise assessment survey! All of these have now been completed and the planning application process has begun. I hope that the installation of the astro-turf can begin in the first half of next term and that it will be completed for the children to play on very shortly after that. I am determined to see the project through before I leave!

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Gill Pedersen

