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Dear parents, carers and pupils,

On the 26th and 27th of March we were inspected by Ofsted as part of the national programme of school inspection*. The school community should be very proud of the findings of the inspection. The children demonstrated, as they do to us every day, that they are a joy to work with.

We have now received the published report which we are pleased to share with you. This letter includes a summary of the report. A full copy of the report will be published on our website over the next couple of days and it will be available on the Ofsted reports website (<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>) from Tuesday the 7th of May.

Ofsted is only one way in which schools check to see if they are providing the best quality of education to their children, but it is an important one. We listen carefully to the advice they give us.

The following are some direct quotes from the report, by way of a summary. I'm sure you will congratulate our pupils, staff and governors on the very positive findings:

- ✓ There is "...strong leadership...and vision..."
- ✓ "Senior Leaders and governors are passionate and ambitious..."
- ✓ "Safeguarding is a strength" and pupils "...feel safe..."
- ✓ Pupils are "...developing a love for reading."
- ✓ "The breadth and balance of the curriculum is a key strength."
- ✓ "Relationships between pupils and staff are strong..."
- ✓ The school's work to support pupils' "emotional well-being is very strong."
- ✓ "...pupils are well prepared for high school..."
- ✓ The school helps "...disadvantaged pupils overcome barriers to learning..."
- ✓ "...personal development and welfare are outstanding."
- ✓ **Pupils are: proud, confident, increasingly resilient, safe, happy and articulate.**

The inspectors agreed with us about the strengths of the school and agreed that we had identified the right priorities for improvement, all of which we have been working on already:

- In the classroom: to further improve the number of really strong lessons, mainly through improving teachers' planning. *We have already seen an improvement in this over the last 18 months.*

- Middle Leaders (staff in charge of subjects, for example): We will be building on the high quality leadership of subject areas so that all departments are run as well as our strongest departments.
- To continue inform governors so that they have all the information they need to ensure that they can be sure we are leading and running the school as well as possible.

In 2013, the school rated itself as a very good school. At our previous inspection (in 2013) we were judged as outstanding. We feel the same now as we did then, that our school is a very good school, and the recent inspection reflects our own judgements. **In all areas we were judged as good.** Behind this judgement is clear evidence of a *strong good* in each of the areas. It should be noted that there has been a recent trend for outstanding schools to be downgraded. Only 23% of outstanding schools kept that grade in the latest statistics released by Ofsted. Many of the staff present at the 2013 inspection feel that it has become more difficult to be judged as outstanding and that we are as good now as we were then, and better in many ways.

The staff and governors are committed to providing the very best quality of education to our community. We work very hard and are well placed to improve things further. We are grateful for the support you give your children and us. There will be an opportunity to discuss the report's findings at the next Parent/Carer Forum meeting later this term (watch out for details via Parentmail and the school website).

Our children have already been congratulated in assembly for how they carried themselves during the two-day inspection. They made us proud as they do every day. Please pass on our thanks to them.

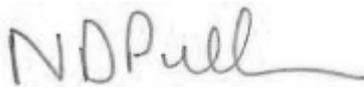
The thing that I am going to take out of the inspection report is:

St. Egwin's CE Middle School pupils are:

Proud of the school, confident, increasingly resilient, safe, happy and articulate.

This is the reason I teach. This is the kind of school I have dreamt of leading. I'm immensely proud of the work the whole community does for our children and the life-chances we give them.

Yours sincerely,



Nick Pullan

Headteacher.

* The inspection was carried out under section 8 of the education act 2005. The inspection as also deemed a section 5 inspection.