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Dear Parents,

Ofsted Report

We are delighted to attach a copy of our Ofsted Report following an inspection visit by Her Majesty's Inspector in October 2018. Copies will also soon be available via our school website or at reports.ofsted.gov.uk.

We are very pleased that the inspection judgement is that we continue to be a good school and that: "The quality of teaching has improved since the last inspection." We are thrilled with the report which reflects the hard work, commitment and dedication demonstrated by our talented team of teachers and support staff. The 'Good' judgement reflects the fact that outcomes for pupils across the school are at least in line with other schools nationally and in many cases standards are above or significantly above those in other schools across the country.

It is very gratifying that the report reflects the fact that Appleby Primary School is a caring community where all of our pupils are nurtured, cared for and supported to reach their potential. In addition to the academic progress of our pupils, the report highlights the fact pupils are provided with "social and emotional development" and "support and guidance" that reflects our commitment to being an inclusive school where all of our pupils are valued whatever their specific or diverse individual needs. The report states that: "Pupils thrive in the nurturing environment that staff have created."

As you can imagine, the children were the "stars of the show" during the inspector's visit and spoke with maturity and passion about the pride that they feel for their school. It comes as no surprise that the inspector comments that "children love coming to school and enjoy learning" and that "Pupils are polite, well-mannered and care for each other." in her report.

At Appleby Primary School, our entire team is determined to ensure the future development of our school and that the school remains valued as a source of pride within our wider community. One such area that we are committed further developing is our innovative and inspiring curriculum which challenges and broadens the horizons of our pupils. Projects such as Erasmus+ - which sees 34 visitors from 5 European countries with us in school this week - led the inspector to comment that our curriculum "ignites pupils' interests". We are pleased that the inspector agreed that these priorities, that we have already identified, should represent our next steps for future development of our school.

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We hope that you are as pleased and proud of our inspection report as we are. I would like to offer my thanks to you all for your continued support and particularly to those parents who took the time to share their appreciation for the school and our team via “Parent View” as part of our inspection.

Yours sincerely,

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