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Dear parents and carers,

We hope you are all doing well and managing to enjoy the sunshine. I am writing on behalf of the Board of Governors to pass on some good news in relation to our recent Ofsted visit, which took place on May 12th, 2021. You have been sent the full Ofsted letter, but to summarise the outcome we are delighted to be able to tell you Ofsted have said that ***“leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action in order for the school to become a good school.”***

You will see that Ofsted made two specific recommendations, one around safeguarding policy and one relating to our approach to teaching reading. We can tell you that the first of these recommendations – updating the safeguarding policy – has now been completed, and we are working on the second recommendation by continuing to build upon the good work which we have achieved in the teaching of reading to date. Since the Ofsted inspection we have already undertaken further staff training and reviewed our fully decodable reading books, so we have more resources that match the sounds children are learning. Reading continues to be a priority for us as we strengthen our subject expertise and embed the changes we are making.

The result of the Ofsted inspection is really positive, and is the best outcome possible. It also follows on nicely from the visit which took place in February 2021, when Ofsted found that ***“leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances. Safeguarding is effective.”***

We know that there is a lot more work to do, but these inspections have shown us that we are on the right track and that the whole school community is doing what needs to be done for our children and families. This is a testament to the extraordinary hard work and commitment of Mrs. Robbins, the Senior Leadership Team, the whole staff team and the Board of Governors, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their efforts. Thanks also to all of you, our parents and carers, for your continued support and enthusiasm.

One aspect of our school life which Ofsted commented on very positively during both of their inspections was the way in which the Junior School is now working so closely with Stonehouse Park Infant School. This has been a real strength recently and has benefitted both schools in many ways. The two Boards of Governors and school teams are now exploring ways to develop these links even further and ensure that this sort of collaborative working continues, and we will be in touch with more about this in the very near future.

Please take some time to read the letter from Ofsted and get in touch if you have any questions or comments. You can always contact us through the school office or, if you would prefer, please email me directly. We would be really pleased to hear your thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

John Parker
Chair of Governors
Park Junior School