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Dear Parent/Carer,

HALLWOOD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY – OFSTED INSPECTION

As you may be aware, the school was subject to a two day Ofsted Inspection on 3rd and 4th October 2018.

The report has now been published and the outcome of the inspection is that the school requires improvement, but Ofsted inspectors advised those present at the feedback meeting (the School's Senior Leadership Team, Governors, and representatives from the Local Authority) that they saw good capacity to make the improvements needed and identified within the report. It is over 11 years since the school was last inspected and there has been a significant change in how schools are inspected, and what inspectors look at when they visit.

The full Ofsted report can be found on the school's website (go to the "Ofsted" section via "About Us" then "Key Information") or you can request a hard copy in the school office. You will see from the report that whilst they have highlighted those areas that need improvement, and that is the role of Ofsted, they have also made reference to the many strengths and positive aspects within the school. What was of particular note was the commitment of staff to improving outcomes, that pupils' welfare and wellbeing take a very high priority, that planned support is provided for those who need it, that pupils are safe, that pupils enjoy a wide range of trips and activities, and that pupils learn to value differences and care for others.

Ofsted Inspectors commented throughout the inspection that the school leaders and governors knew the school very well, knew what action needed to be taken, and in most cases had already started to address the issues that Ofsted have covered within their report. This provided the inspectors with the confidence that school leaders and governors were in a position to act on the recommendations within the report quickly and decisively.

The staff and governors at the school will continue to do what is needed to ensure that the children at Hallwood Park receive the education they deserve, and we hope that parents and carers will also play their part in ensuring that their children attend school, that children are supported at home with their homework and reading to help build on what they learn at school during the day, and that when they are invited into school they can attend to support their children.

Everyone at the school looks forward to continuing to work with you, and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Martin West
Chair of Governors