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Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted Update at HISN

As you know, we have been awaiting an Ofsted inspection as our last inspection was in 2010. The Ofsted team have now left HISN following a 2 day inspection. It was a very thorough and rigorous inspection process with "deep dives" in reading, geography, PE and mathematics. The inspection was a full section 5 inspection which looked into every aspect of school under the headings of:

- the quality of education including a focus on art and RE;
- behaviour and attitudes;
- personal development;
- leadership and management including all aspects of safeguarding;
- early years foundation stage (EYFS);
- overall effectiveness

The final report produced may take some time to come through but we hope to have it before Christmas. Up until that point we are unable to discuss the outcome but we are happy to say that we are pleased with the outcome and process.

However, we wanted to say a huge thank you for the level of support we have had from you, our families. The huge number of responses on the Ofsted Parentview was 247. The results showed a school which is highly valued by its parent community. It was wonderful to see that 100% of respondents would recommend the school to another parent.

The children were truly fantastic and their behaviour for learning in the classrooms was particularly commented upon by the inspector. Their approach to their learning, and commitment to being the best they could be, was noticeable and we are incredibly proud of them.

We must also thank all the staff of HISN who demonstrated such commitment to the children and the school which was nothing short of exceptional. Staff went above and beyond to showcase our school and its principles and they are certainly looking forward to the rest of the term. Ofsted inspections are always an incredibly busy time in schools and can be stressful for staff.







We look forward to sharing the final report once it's been approved by Ofsted and the school for publication.

Yours sincerely

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