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Dear Parents/Carers

ESP is a GOOD School

We are delighted to share with you the outcomes of our Ofsted Inspection because for the first time in sixteen years our school has been judged to be good in all areas inspected by Ofsted. This is no mean feat since the criteria for these judgements have continued to rise significantly during this time and yet another Ofsted framework was introduced at the start of this academic year.

We would like to start by thanking all the parents and carers who took the time to fill in the online Ofsted survey and to speak to the Inspectors. Your contribution to sharing the culture, ethos and feedback on the school was a valued part of the process.

The leadership of our Senior Leaders, Mr Bisset, Mrs Ince and Mr Powley, was recognised as one of the driving forces in raising standards in the quality of teaching. ***“Senior leaders develop teaching rigorously and systematically. This is rightly their highest priority. They have developed effective regular monitoring, staff development and coaching.”*** The Inspectors also noted that ***“Governors are active and highly committed ... and have effectively overseen the school’s journey to being good.”***

When the Inspection Team was introduced to the staff on the first morning I said that I hoped they would see what we see on a day to day basis - our determined focus that our children will make good progress from their starting points, so that by the end of Key Stage 2 our pupils achieve better than Wokingham and national figures and that most pupils make more than expected progress, as they have over the last two years. We are more than satisfied that Ofsted recognised this achievement.

At the end of Key Stage 2, we have achieved exceptionally high standards in English and Mathematics, significantly above national standards in the last two years and overall the progress measures in English and Mathematics have also been significantly above Wokingham and national standards. This is the result of consistently good teaching across the whole school. ***“In English and mathematics, teachers show strong levels of subject knowledge... teachers and teaching assistants give clear explanations...adults are very good at questioning pupils to improve their thinking.”***

“Unlocking the Future”

In terms of the Curriculum, our aim to inspire children to learn was fully recognised:
“Pupils enjoy a broad curriculum, with many interesting and exciting elements. This includes residential visits, sports and arts events, moments of reflection and learning outside the classroom.”

We were also pleased that the outcomes for our more able groups of pupils were acknowledged:

“Pupils with notably high ability in English or mathematics achieve well. Many pupils reach high standards in these subjects.”

The Inspectors saw that ***“Pupils consistently behave well in lessons and around the school. They are carefully looked after and feel confident, happy and safe...They enjoy being in school. Pupils from all different backgrounds work and play happily together.”***

Congratulations to the EYFS team! The Early Years provision at ESP is a great strength and the Inspection Team noted that: ***“The early years provision is well led and managed... There is a particularly strong partnership with parents and carers... children have a rich, productive experience and learn well. The provision and learning in the Nursery are particularly strong.”***

In the final meeting with the Ofsted team the Inspectors emphasised the significance of the good judgements in all areas for the first time in sixteen years. They stressed that as a school we should rightly be proud of this achievement and naturally we wish to share this very positive message with parents and carers.

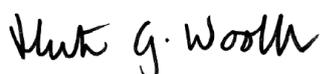
I would like to thank the whole staff team and governors as this Ofsted Report is a testament to the continued commitment, dedication and determination to ensure that your children receive an education which inspires them to learn and encourages them to be the best they can be.

Of course we were very proud of the children during the Inspection but it is also the evidence of the children’s strong progress throughout the year in their books and displayed around the school, consistent in all classes, that formed the basis of their judgements – not just the two days of the Inspection.

Our school is delighted by the Ofsted judgements but we are not at all complacent as we already have systems in place that will help us to continue our school improvement journey so that we are recognised as a centre of excellence which serves our local community. We agree with Ofsted that that Earley St Peter’s

“is a friendly school with high aspirations.”

Yours sincerely



Hester Wooller
Headteacher