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Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED REPORT

As everyone will be aware earlier this term school was inspected by OFSTED and the report is due to be published later this week. A copy can be read on our website.

During the inspection Ofsted came and saw many positives but they also highlighted areas for development, which we were already working on before the inspectors came. The report is very positive and I advise all parents and carers to read the report in full because the headlines do not tell you what it is like to be a child at Meadowhead.

What inspectors praised.

They described a caring school that puts wellbeing and personal development at its heart. They said children settle quickly in Nursery and Reception, and that pupils are polite, enthusiastic and determined, and feel confident that staff will help with any worries. They found that phonics is taught consistently well, that pupils make significant progress in reading and gain the maths knowledge they need by the end of Year 2, and that children with special educational needs are supported well. The behaviour part of our "attendance and behaviour" grade was very positive.

Where we need to improve.

Attendance. Our attendance has been below the national figure for several years. The inspectors recognised that we have recently introduced a stronger approach to monitoring attendance, it is having a positive impact but it is at an early stage.

Writing. Many pupils achieve well, but in writing, their knowledge and skills are not developing as deeply as they should. Last year we changed our teaching approach, including a new approach to sentence writing and handwriting, but inspectors noted that these changes are recent and need time to show their full effect which we are more than confident they will.

Leadership and Governance. The report says leaders have an accurate view of the school's strengths and priorities, but that some improvements (attendance) have not been pursued with enough urgency and that governors need to be more rigorous in checking the impact of our actions.

Please take the time to read the report and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to myself or Sarah Allen.

Headteacher