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Dear Parents/Carers

Following our Ofsted inspection in October, I am pleased to be able to share with you the outcome of that inspection.

I would like to start by thanking parents and carers for their positive support. The responses submitted through the Ofsted survey provided valuable insight and evidence for the inspection team. I would also like to note the efforts of the staff team at Heathlands who worked tirelessly to show our school in its best possible light, and who continue to work hard to nurture and support your children every day.

The report highlights many of the strengths of our wonderful school, and I am delighted inspectors have acknowledged the impact of the hard work and continual improvements that the leadership and staff at Heathlands have made since our last inspection, whilst also giving us some clear points to continue to work on in the next chapter of Heathlands' journey.

There is much to celebrate. The report highlights the wide range of opportunities we provide for pupils, how well the staff at Heathlands know our pupils as individuals, and how well we support those with SEND or other vulnerabilities. The report also said that the actions we have taken are making a 'palpable difference' to pupils' learning over time and that children in our Early Years in particular 'get off to a great start' and are 'thriving personally, socially and academically'. Other areas highlighted in the report include positive behaviour in classrooms, our well-sequenced curriculum, our teachers' subject knowledge and our efforts to close gaps in learning. The inspectors said that school leaders have an accurate understanding of the strengths and improvement areas in the school, and 'have made important decisions in pupils' best interests' and that support for individual pupils is particularly effective.

The report also tells us how to keep getting better. For example, we should continue to raise pupils' attainment in English and maths and focus on pupils' next steps in learning, as well as improve attendance and help pupils to improve their behaviour during social times.

I know I speak for every member of staff at Heathlands when I say we are incredibly proud to work here and to continue to serve the families and pupils who come here every day. We are equally proud of the progress our school and our pupils have made and continue to make.

If you'd like to read the full report, you can find it on our school website here.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher