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Re: Our Recent Ofsted Inspection Report – "Strong Standard" Across Every Area!

Following our Ofsted inspection last half term, I am delighted to share our final report with you today. We are distributing this directly to our parent community first, before it is officially published on the Ofsted website in the coming days.

I am so proud of this report. It is a wonderful reflection of our brilliant children, our dedicated staff, and the warm, nurturing community that makes Grange Park so special.

Celebrating What Makes Grange Park Special
At Grange Park, we are passionate about creating foundations for bright futures. What truly makes our school special is our unique blend of high academic success, a rich, well-rounded curriculum, and a genuinely nurturing community.

We work hard every day to foster an environment where children grow as confident, curious, and kind individuals—whether they are benefiting from our strong academic provision, making use of our extensive outdoor spaces, taking part in vibrant enrichment across sports, music, and the arts, or developing digital skills as a recognised Google Reference School.

I am thrilled that the inspection team recognised the daily magic of our school. Here are just a few highlights from the report:

- *"Pupils enjoy coming to school and thrive here. They feel part of a warm and welcoming community, where they can be themselves."*
- *"Pupils achieve very well. The carefully developed curriculum builds pupils' knowledge step by step, starting from the early years."*
- *"Pupils' behaviour is highly positive across the school. They play cooperatively and show respect for one another. "*
- *"Pupils are proud of their school. They feel happy and supported. They show maturity and talk with confidence about their experiences."*

Understanding "Strong Standard" Under the New Framework
As you may know, Ofsted has introduced a new Report Card system that evaluates distinct areas of school life. Under this framework:

- **The baseline benchmark is set higher:** Under Ofsted's criteria, the **"Expected Standard"** represents a school that is fully effective and secure—raising the bar beyond the previous "Good" grade to reflect what schools should deliver.
- **Why "Strong Standard" is such a landmark achievement:** Achieving a **"Strong Standard"** actually sets a higher bar than the previous "Outstanding" grade. The criteria required to meet "Strong" are far more demanding, reflecting consistently high-quality curriculum delivery, strong pupil progress, and embedded best practice across every subject and key stage.

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- **Achieved at the start of a new era:** This new framework is still in its early stages, meaning schools nationally have had very little time to adapt to these rigorous new criteria. Securing top evaluations so early on highlights the strength and maturity of our existing provision.
- **A new category in "Exceptional":** "Exceptional" is a brand-new evaluation tier with its own distinct criteria. It is not a direct swap for former grading systems, but a stand-alone category reserved for rare, highly specific practices nationally, with very few schools receiving it in any area.
- **Uncompromising consistency:** Securing "Strong" in every single category—including **Achievement, Attendance & Behaviour, Curriculum & Teaching, Early Years, Inclusion, Leadership & Governance, and Personal Development & Wellbeing**—proves that our provision is high-performing across every single facet of school life, with zero weak links.

A Remarkable "Next Step"
Under Ofsted guidelines, inspection teams are required to include at least one "next step" for improvement in every published report. Perhaps the ultimate validation of our school's quality is what the inspection team identified as our area for improvement. The inspection team couldn't even think of a specific next step or operational weakness to address. Instead, Ofsted's official recommendation for us was simply:

"Leaders should continue to ensure that the school sustains its existing high standards over time for all pupils."

Having an inspection team conclude that our main priority is simply to keep doing what we are doing to maintain our high standards is a rare and remarkable endorsement of our whole team.

Thank You
This outcome is a direct result of our staff working tirelessly every day to give your children the very best primary experience possible. It is also a testament to our wonderful pupils and your ongoing support as parents. A strong partnership between home and school is at the heart of everything we do, and we are deeply grateful for your continued trust, collaboration, and support.

We look forward to continuing this wonderful journey together and taking Grange Park from strength to strength in the years ahead.

With my very best wishes

Tijen Hassan

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