

Grange Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

As you will be aware, before the Easter holidays Grange had an Ofsted inspection. We are now delighted to be able to share the report with you, which confirms that **Grange is now graded 'Good' in all areas**. The process was very detailed and rigorous, and I would like to thank all those who took part in the inspection: staff, governors, parents and pupils alike.

The report is immensely positive and highlights the school's strengths as well as some areas for development, which had already been highlighted by the leadership team prior to the inspection in the school's self-evaluation. Here are just a few of the many areas highlighted as strengths by the inspection team:

- Pupils' behaviour
- Children's enjoyment and engagement in lessons
- Our ambitious curriculum
- Attendance
- Phonics and early reading
- Pupils' personal development
- Teachers' subject knowledge and expertise
- Leadership and governance
- Safeguarding

Ofsted reports are brief and are not able to fully reflect everything that was seen and discussed over the course of the 2-day inspection. Overwhelmingly, the team could see the huge improvements the school has made since the last inspection and recognise that children at Grange are proud of their school, are enthusiastic learners and make good progress.

With the school in such a strong position, we are confident that we can make rapid progress towards the targets set within the report. We are constantly reviewing our curriculum so have already begun to implement the changes suggested. Since the new year, the school has been working closely with the Local Authority on our SEND provision and we have developed approaches within lessons to ensure all of our pupils are supported appropriately.

I am proud of the achievements of the school and grateful to the fantastic team of staff and governors, who have all worked incredibly hard towards this outcome. I am also thankful that Grange has such wonderful children, and families who work alongside us to ensure the very best outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Elfenich
Headteacher