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Dear NJS family,

I am writing to you to attach the OFSTED report from our recent inspection in December. I have now been Headteacher at NJS for 7 years and within this time we have had three OFSTED inspections! This latter inspection was a full, graded inspection: three inspectors, over two days, with 'no stone unturned'! The OFSTED framework is incredibly robust and I am absolutely delighted with the outcome and how it reflects the success and progress of our school community.

At NJS we take pride in inclusion and value all members of our school family. This outcome and report rightly reflects that. Parents and carers shared their views, 115 children were spoken to in person about their experiences of school, many lessons were visited, staff interviewed, pupil books explored and stakeholders were met with.

To be recognised for outstanding personal development makes me a very proud headteacher. This is where the passion and drive of the NJS staff team lies. We want our children to have skills for life that engage them in a love of education and a passion to pursue their talents. We want to develop young people with excellent character for the modern world and we work hard to achieve this. This is exceptional.

To be noted for outstanding behaviour and attitudes, especially post pandemic, is remarkable. This doesn't mean we 'don't have behaviour' of course we do but the findings of the inspection team recognised the consistent approach of the school to behaviour. The reinforcement of positive behaviour and strong relationships between staff and pupils drive positive choices. Children enjoy school, engage in their learning and are demonstrating equality and British Values in their actions. This is excellent.

The OFSTED development point set for us in March 2022, to ensure that we engage parents in SEND provision, has been recognised to have been fully met; this is testament to the hard work of the school staff in meeting the needs of SEND pupils. To now only have one development point following full inspection, which we had already ourselves recognised as a next step, shows the strength of curriculum and leadership we have. Leadership and Management cannot be outstanding if Quality of Education is not which is why we only have a Quality of Education target and not a Leadership and Management Target. School leaders, at all levels, demonstrated exceptional capacity to the inspection team.

I am a very proud school leader and would like to thank the NJS family for all of their contributions to this indicator of success. We should all feel proud to be part of our school community.

With pride

Nicola Moody
Headteacher