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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that you are aware that the school was inspected by Ofsted on 11th and 12th September this year. We have now had the final report back which we will be publishing on Thursday 17th October and which will then be accessible on our website. Prior to this we wanted to share the report with parents and carers so that you are aware of the findings before they go public (please see attachment).

The inspection took place under the new common inspection framework which places great emphasis on the breadth of the curriculum and individual subject knowledge. Whilst the school was praised for its delivery of phonics, reading and maths as well as safeguarding and early years provision, it was clear that the school needs to improve its curriculum coverage amongst other things. This has led to an overall effectiveness grading of 'Requires Improvement' and means that the school will be re-inspected within the next 30 months.

Whilst we are all obviously disappointed that the school did not receive a higher Ofsted grading, we are none the less excited about the opportunity to improve the school moving forward. To assist us in our journey we will be benefiting from support from other schools within Anthem Trust as well as from the Trust itself and we are confident that with this support and regular monitoring from Ofsted the school will make rapid improvements providing a broader and even better quality of education for your children.

As part of the journey forward you will notice some changes over the coming terms, and we ask that you work with us to support these necessary changes. In the first instance you will notice that the school will be led by Mrs Charter and Mrs Stott as joint Head of School and that strategic leadership will be in place via the Trust in the form of Ms Butler and Mrs Walker. In the spirit of being open and transparent we welcome discussions with parents and carers and will schedule an open meeting for you all to come and talk with us next term.

In the meantime, please do read the inspection report and feel free to contact us directly if you have any queries.

We look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Regards

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Advisory Headteacher
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