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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent OFSTED inspection, which took place on 3rd and 4th December 2024. The report confirms that Waterside Primary Academy is rated **Good** in all areas:

- **Quality of Education - Good**
- **Behaviour and Attitudes - Good**
- **Personal Development - Good**
- **Leadership and Management - Good**
- **Early Years Provision - Good**

This is a fantastic result and a testament to the hard work of our staff and the positive attitudes of our pupils. This journey has been supported by colleagues from Kings Education Trust and we are all extremely pleased with the outcome. The inspectors observed that our school has a strong and inclusive ethos, with a clear commitment to providing the best possible education for all our pupils. They highlighted that our pupils are polite, respectful, and eager to learn, with many engaging in leadership opportunities such as becoming school councillors and eco warriors. Our school's emphasis on fostering personal development was also acknowledged, with pupils enjoying a wide variety of enriching experiences such as trips, charity events, and cultural visits.

The report does note a few areas for improvement, which we are already addressing:

1. **Curriculum Clarity** – In a small number of subjects, the inspectors identified that the most important knowledge for pupils to learn and the sequence of this learning needed to be more precisely defined. We are actively reviewing these subjects to ensure that our curriculum is as clear and effective as possible for all pupils.
2. **Checking Pupils' Learning** – While staff generally check pupils' learning effectively, there were some instances where teachers did not check pupils' retention of knowledge as thoroughly in certain subjects. We are reinforcing the importance of these checks across all subjects to ensure gaps in learning and misconceptions are identified and addressed more promptly.

Despite these areas for improvement, the report strongly reflects the progress our school has made, particularly over the past year. The curriculum has been developed to support pupils' knowledge and skills, with strong subject knowledge among our staff and a clear focus on early reading. The efforts to support pupils with SEND were also commended, ensuring that every child's needs are met.



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We will continue working together with the staff, pupils, and parents to build on this positive outcome and make the necessary improvements where required. We are committed to ensuring that our pupils continue to thrive in a nurturing and challenging environment.

We would like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. We believe that together we can continue to improve and make Waterside Primary Academy an even better place for all our children.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqui Blackmore

Headteacher



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