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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: - Ofsted visit, 22nd January, 2019

I am delighted to attach a copy of the letter we have received from Mrs Chris Cook, Her Majesty's Inspector, following our recent Section 8 Ofsted Inspection, which confirms that Stanford Junior and Infant School **continues to be a good school.**

This is an excellent achievement for our pupils, staff and Governors. I am extremely proud of them all. Our school self-evaluation is that we are a strong, good school, particularly in the area of pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare. The Inspector agreed, saying, 'Pastoral support is strong, and the school has a very caring ethos. The school's work on social, moral, spiritual and cultural issues is well developed.'

The Inspector was also impressed with our pupils. The letter states:-

'Pupils are polite, well-mannered and well-behaved.'

'Pupils told the Inspector, 'that they feel safe in school.'

'Pupils can talk sensibly about the work that they have done on diversity.'

'They show respect and tolerance.'

'At break times they have lots of equipment to use to keep them occupied and active.'

We are also very pleased that the school's leadership team and teaching staff have been praised:-

'The senior leadership team is passionate about providing each individual pupil with a well-rounded education.'

'..subject leaders play an important role in the continuous development of the curriculum.'

'Pupils are expected to work consistently hard. Work in their books shows that they are productive in all their lessons.'

'The teaching of phonics is a strength of the school.'

'All pupils have regular opportunities to develop fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.'

'The culture of safeguarding across the school is strong.'

'Governors know the school well....and could give examples of how they have provided leaders with both support and challenge.'

We are also proud that the majority of parents/carers are positive about the school. Some negative feedback was received (approx. 3% of the parents/carers in school) and quite rightly was considered during the Inspection. However, no related action points have been suggested and instead the Inspector reports, 'most parents who made their views known, are positive about the work of the school. They praise the school for the links it has with the community and the pastoral support their children receive.'

Next steps for the school relate to work we have already prioritised in our school development plan around vocabulary and spelling and much of the exciting work around this has already been shared with parents/carers in our regular school newsletters. The Inspector also noted that, 'Pupils have a wealth of opportunities to apply their developing skills in reading and writing,' and, 'the work being done on pupils understanding of vocabulary is having a positive effect.'

Our letter will be published on the Ofsted website within the next week and we will also provide a link to it on our school website along with a link to 'School Inspections, A Guide for Parents,' which has further helpful information about Inspections.

We will now begin to share our great news with the local community.

If you have any questions or comments about the Ofsted letter, then please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Full Governing Body. We feel that positive, respectful communication with school members is so valuable, as we work together to ensure continued strong outcomes for our children.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L.J. Hackfath', written in a cursive style.

L.J. Hackfath
Headteacher