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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Ofsted's recent inspection, we are pleased to be able to share with you the news that Poppleton Ousebank Primary School's Overall Effectiveness has been found to be Good, with Outstanding in two key areas.

As you may be aware the last inspection for Poppleton Ousebank was in 2013 and this is the first time the school has been inspected under the current Ofsted regime. Under the new Ofsted framework and new Government guidelines, standards and expectations have continued to rise and challenge schools more than ever before. There has been great emphasis under the new framework that every subject area will be equally scrutinised to ensure the full National Curriculum and breadth of study is being taught with equal regard. The inspectors undertook deep dives into Early Reading, Maths, Art, Modern Foreign Language (French) and History as part of the two day inspection.

The inspectors' report is great to read (you can download it [here](#)) and it captures many of the things we are most proud of in our school. It also clearly illustrates the enhancements we have made over the last academic year as we continue with our mission to make Poppleton Ousebank the best school it can be and one where all pupils have the chance to achieve to their full potential. These include enhancing the curriculum, ensuring it is broad, balanced and ambitious, expanding the extra-curricular activities offered, a new streamlined behaviour policy and introducing new school values of Respect, Kindness and Resilience.

The inspectors were enormously impressed with your amazing children. Behaviour and Attitudes were judged to be Outstanding – ***'Pupil's behaviour across the school is exemplary. They rarely require warnings and consistently demonstrate kindness, respect and a positive attitude to learning.'*** Please pass on to your children our congratulations and thanks. Many of the children did an outstanding job of sharing their views on the school during the inspection and they were all proud to share their work and achievements.

The school also received an Outstanding judgement for Early Years – ***"Children in the early years make an exceptionally strong start at Poppleton Ousebank. The school is highly ambitious for its youngest children."*** We will be congratulating our Early Years team who do so much to ensure all our learners have a great start to their journey with the school.

The report finds that we are ambitious too for our children with special educational needs – ***"The school demonstrates high ambition for pupils with SEND, ensuring their needs are well considered and understood by all staff. They receive targeted support and timely interventions."***

We are extremely grateful and would like to say a huge thank you to the whole team of staff and governors who consistently display a fantastic level of hard work, devotion and unstinting desire to

ensure that every child receives the very best at Poppleton Ousebank Primary School. We are so proud that the high levels of ambition and dedication have been reflected in the report. We are especially pleased that the inspectors recognised that:

“Pupils are excited by their learning”

“School’s curriculum is well planned and ambitious”

“Teachers are experts in the subjects they lead”

“A new behaviour approach in school is popular with pupils. It rewards pupils who display the school’s values. This contributes to the excellent and positive learning environment around school.”

The report also provides helpful feedback on two areas where we could improve further, and we already have plans in place to make sure that we do.

We would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who has contributed to this success – pupils, parents, carers and colleagues. Your support is recognised and valued. Thank you!

We now look forward to continuing to build on our school’s current success and to ensure we continue to provide the very best possible education and care, both now and in the future.

Yours sincerely,



Linda Collier
Principal



Alex Johnson
Chair of Governors



Helen Winn
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