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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential
Headteacher Mrs B Rai

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that the result of our recent Section 5 graded Ofsted inspection will be published on the Ofsted website by next week. We are so pleased to inform you that our school has been graded GOOD for overall effectiveness. We are delighted that we have been judged OUTSTANDING in our Early Years provision.

We are extremely happy that the hard work of our pupils and staff has been recognised, and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating everyone who works and volunteers at our school.

The inspection report is limited in detail, as the inspection team has a very tight word count available to them for each section. What is very useful to know is the more in-depth verbal feedback given to the school at the final feedback session.

The senior leaders, governors and Hertfordshire School Improvement Partners attended this feedback session. It was overwhelmingly positive verbal feedback and the inspection team recognised the great progress children, staff and governors are making.

The Ofsted inspectors checked various aspects of education. This involved a general look at the school as well as focusing more deeply on key subject areas. In this inspection, they decided to take a closer look at reading, maths, music, history, design and technology and our Early Years provision. The inspectors spoke to a number of children, staff and governors during the inspection.

You will find the Ofsted report attached with this email.

The voice of parents and carers is an important part of the inspection and we would like to thank everyone who took part in the survey. You were effusive in your praise of the school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful staff, leaders, and governors who work tirelessly to ensure that Highwood Primary continues to be a great school.

There are, of course, always areas to improve and we will be using the feedback from our inspection to help guide our priorities for this coming year and beyond. As a school, we will continue to develop these areas further. It is our challenge to see that every element of our work reaches the highest possible standards and expectations for the children.

Highwood is a fantastic school and we are pleased that Ofsted recognise this too. We are incredibly proud to work here and we look forward to continuing this exciting journey with you all. Onwards and Upwards!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Bindu Rai
Headteacher

