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Dear Parents,

## **OFSTED Inspection Visit June 2017**

As you are aware the school was recently subject to an OFSTED inspection by Her Majesty's Inspector, Richard Light. The visit was the first Section 8 Short Inspection carried out since the school was judged to be good in April 2014.

We are delighted to inform you that the outcome of the inspection is:

### **AFNORTH School continues to be good.**

Set against the background of the transition and establishment of the BC Section alongside significant changes to Curriculum and Assessment this is a truly excellent result. It reflects the hard work and professionalism of all the staff; but equally it is testament to the sterling efforts of our children, and you the parents for your strong support as a community.

During the inspection, Mr Light met with the Head Teacher, Vice Principal, Middle Leaders, members of the School Governance Advisory Committee and the school's Link Inspector Advisor. Visits to classrooms were conducted jointly with senior leaders to evaluate the impact of teaching on pupils' learning and review the quality of pupils' work over time. A range of evidence was evaluated, including documents relating to safeguarding and governance. He also met with a group of pupils to hear about their experiences of AFNORTH. The views of a number of parents were gathered through OFSTED's online questionnaire.

The report identifies and celebrates the school's strengths in particular:

- The curriculum which is delivering academic rigour. Mr Light describes the school as "a hub of vibrant activity."
- Good quality teaching, combined with an effective curriculum and strong leadership has improved pupils' performance since the previous inspection
- Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- Positive relationships between adults and pupils are typical and attitudes to learning, on everyone's part, are strong.

### Next Steps

- Ensure teaching challenges the most able pupils so they can reach the standards they are capable of
- Leaders' monitoring places a sharper focus on the pupils' progress and their gains in knowledge, skill or understanding to increase its quality and impact
- The curriculum for 'number' in mathematics is improved to develop pupils' deeper conceptual understanding, problem solving, reasoning and fluency

We would like to congratulate and thank all the children who are a credit to their school and the staff for their hard work and professionalism. We also want to thank you for your magnificent support for the school.

On behalf of the staff and the School Governance Advisory Committee, we look forward to continue working together with you and the children towards achieving our joint vision of becoming an "Outstanding" school.

Regards

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