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Dear Parents and Carers,

New Ofsted Framework

I am writing to explain some recent changes to the Ofsted inspection system, introduced in January 2026.

The new inspection framework is not directly comparable to the previous one.

"Expected" is now a strong judgement and something to **celebrate**.

In fact, many school leaders believe that achieving "Expected" under the new framework is more demanding than achieving "Good" under the previous system.

What Does "Needs Attention" Mean?

Some parents may notice that certain areas of a report are described as "Needs Attention."

It is important to know that:

- It does not mean a school is failing.
- It is not the same as the previous "Requires Improvement" judgement.
- It simply identifies an area where further development or focus is needed.

For more information, you may find Ofsted's own explanation helpful.

Ofsted video guide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g>

Understanding the New Ofsted Report Card

In the past, schools were given one overall judgement, such as good or outstanding. These single word judgements are no longer used. Instead, schools now receive a report card. This shows how a school is performing in different areas:

- Safeguarding
- Inclusion
- Curriculum and Achievement
- Attendance and Behaviour
- Personal Development and Well-Being
- Early Years
- Leadership and Governance

For more information go to: Ofsted guide to Report Cards

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-ofsted-report-cards-and-grades>

A Greater Focus on School Data

The new framework places a stronger emphasis on measurable outcomes, including: attendance, progress and attainment.



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Some schools work in very challenging situations. For example, they may support children and families who face many difficulties. Even when staff work very hard and make a real difference every day, it can be harder to meet national targets. The inspection does not always show the full picture of a school or the progress it is making over time. For this reason, we encourage parents to read the full inspection report, not just the headlines or grades. The written sections explain what inspectors saw and give important detail.

Thank You

I would like to thank all parents and carers for the encouragement, understanding and kindness you show our staff and leaders, particularly during inspection periods.

Your support makes a genuine difference and is deeply appreciated by everyone who works so hard on behalf of your children.

Thank You

Yours sincerely,

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