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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Ofsted Inspection, September 2021

As a headteacher, I am immensely proud of everything our school community achieves together. Working closely with our children, families and the wider community is something I have always valued and I am particularly grateful for the kind support offered to our staff during the school's recent OFSTED inspection. The positive response received from parents and carers, both online and in person, was truly appreciated by us all.

A copy of the report can be found enclosed, for your information. I hope you will be pleased to read the overwhelmingly positive comments that accurately reflect the excellent and supportive learning environment that children experience at our school, beginning with the opening paragraph that states: *'Pupils at Burnham Market enjoy their time in school. They show respect and understanding towards one another. They appreciate the extra opportunities that are offered. Pupils are proud to talk of their experiences... This is an inclusive school where every pupil is valued.'*

The report then goes on to mention other positive aspects such as:

- *Relationships between pupils and staff are strong*
- *Leaders provide a well-designed, high quality PSHE curriculum to prepare pupils socially and emotionally to learn*
- *Pupils report that bullying never happens but if it were to happen, they know they can talk to any member of staff*
- *Leaders have planned an ambitious reading curriculum to ensure pupils learn how to read accurately and fluently*
- *Pupils talk fondly of their friends who have medical or emotional needs. One pupil said, 'we are all different, but still the same'.*
- *Leaders place a high priority on accurately identifying and meeting the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities.*

The report recognises that our school's priority is the mental health and well-being of our pupils and that children's personal development, behaviour and attitudes are good. That is very encouraging to read, however, the finding that the quality of education and leadership and management 'requires improvement' are matters of concern to us. This judgement specifically refers to some wider elements of the school curriculum which require more planning and detail. We were very disappointed by this finding, but we want you to know that we are determined to address these issues positively and urgently.

I feel it is important to reassure you that work was already underway to improve the highlighted area for development and staff are determined to continue building on this throughout the year ahead. I would also like you to know that, with support from The Wensum Trust, we will be requesting an official re-inspection, once our school community has had the opportunity to recover from the significant disruption caused by COVID-19. We are aiming for this to take place within the next academic year, if not sooner, and will be keeping you updated on the details of our progress along the way.

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In the meantime, I hope you feel reassured that your child will continue to experience a good education at Burnham Market Primary School. Our staff are working tirelessly to help pupils catch-up on the learning that was lost during the pandemic, whilst ensuring that their emotional needs are also met.

I would like to be able to invite our parent community into school for a talk about how we plan to reinstate our 'Good' OFSTED rating. However, in order to protect our families in the run up to Christmas, I believe it would be safer to hold these conversations over the phone or by email. If you wish to discuss any of the points raised in this letter with myself or the Chair of our Local Advisory Board, Mr Chris Beek, then please do not hesitate to book an appointment with us through the school office, or to email me directly on:

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With kindest regards,

Mrs Rachel Stroulger
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