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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of our recent Ofsted inspection report which took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October. As usual the team was very complimentary about our school and recognised our strengths, saying that 'It is a happy school with a family feel to it'.

We feel it is important to let you know that this Ofsted inspection was conducted under a completely new framework using a different mix of criteria for forming judgements. This has resulted in a higher level of attainment being required to retain previous gradings. Under this new framework Grenville is now judged as a Satisfactory school rather than its previous ranking of Good. The key strengths that the school has always regarded as paramount are still in place and have been recognised as such. These include safety and security, pupil behaviour, healthy lifestyles, safeguarding and contribution to the school and the wider community. In addition to this, responses from parents and carers to the Ofsted questionnaire, which you will see on page 10 of the report, are particularly pleasing, with one parent quoting Grenville as 'a caring school in which every child feels special'.

The inspection has highlighted for us a number of areas in which we can - and will - improve. We will ensure that there is consistent good teaching across the school and provide more tailored provision and challenges for the children's individual needs. We will improve the effectiveness of our Nursery by providing greater independence and more opportunities for outdoor play and we will be even more rigorous in our monitoring and evaluation practices.

Staff and Governors continue to be focussed on improving our school and view this report in a positive light, believing that it will help us to move forward.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Brown  
HeadteacherPeter Smith  
Chair of Governors