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Dear Parents & Carers,

OFSTED Report

'Pupils... embrace the school's vision of *life in all its fullness*'. (OFSTED, 2024)

Following our inspection by OFSTED on Monday, 24th and Tuesday, 25th September, I am now able to share the final report with you all. We are delighted to tell you that OFSTED have judged Castle Camps to be **a GOOD school in all areas**. We are extremely proud of this positive outcome which is a testament to the commitment of our staff, the support of our parents and carers, and of course, is a celebration of our wonderful children.

You can read the report in full, by following the link below, or clicking on the attachment to this email. The report will also be published on the OFSTED website towards the end of next week.

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This is an excellent report, particularly at a time when the benchmark for 'Good' is at such a high level and the education sector, as a whole, is experiencing significant challenges. The OFSTED inspection was thorough, robust and professionally rigorous. It included deep dives into various subjects, lesson visits, discussions with staff/pupils, meetings with school leaders and scrutinies of children's work. The inspectors met with senior leaders, members of the governing body, other external agents, spoke with parents, and reviewed documentation provided by the school, as well as the results from OFSTED questionnaires. It provided a 360° view of our school from multiple perspectives.

The report highlights the many strengths of Castle Camps, including our curriculum, our staff, and most importantly our children. The inspectors identified that 'pupils display positive attitudes towards all aspects of school life' and are 'keen to learn'. It was highlighted that 'leaders are determined that all pupils will achieve highly' and that 'the school is ambitious for all pupils.' The curriculum for Personal Development was a key strength, with us just narrowly missing the category for *Outstanding*. The report identified one area for development, which is already part of our School Improvement Plan. We are pleased that Ofsted have recognised the strengths and the work that has been done so far.

Once again, may I thank all those involved in the inspection itself, especially the staff, parents, governors, and children; all of whom help to make Castle Camps School the special place it is.

Yours sincerely,

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