

LETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with regards to our recent Ofsted inspection. Firstly, we would like to congratulate everyone at school, staff and children for their hard work and parents for their continued support of the school. As the previous inspection that graded the school outstanding was after 2015, this meant that our recent inspection was an <u>ungraded</u> inspection and we remain an Outstanding school.

An ungraded inspection is a spotlight into each of the areas as opposed to a deep dive. This means that the school does not change its grade and we therefore remain Outstanding. However, it is important to note that whilst this is good, how schools are inspected has changed considerably since our last graded inspection in 2017.

You will see from the report attached that even though it was a snapshot, our ethos was seen and celebrated. It was also incredibly positive that the focused work the school has been doing could be seen and the many strengths we have were identified.

Here are some highlights from the report:

Parents and carers engage positively in the life of the school

Pupils are excited about coming to school. Interactions between adults and pupils are respectful Our curriculum is well sequenced and ambitious

Opportunities for children in Reception to develop in all areas of learning are carefully considered Leaders are committed to ensuring pupils learn to read fluently

Pupils with SEND access the full curriculum and range of enrichment opportunities as their peers Staff manage pupils' behaviour consistently and low level disruption is rare and does not interrupt the flow of learning

Pupils' wider development is rich and broad

Leaders have an accurate assessment of the school's strengths.

The current inspection framework is notably more challenging than the one Kilmorie was last graded under. It is also important to note that the school has also gone through some significant changes since it's last inspection. Whilst these changes were noted, and the many strengths seen, areas for improvement were identified; which I am pleased to say are a direct reflection of our current school improvement plan and will continue next year.

As the framework has changed, and we have been through some substantial changes over the last few years, Kilmore School will have a graded inspection within one to two years from the date of the ungraded inspection.

Please find attached the final report, which I hope you agree, reflects the school well.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and commitment to the school.

Yours sincerely

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