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## **Announcing an improved OFSTED Outcome**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will have been aware, on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th January 2025, we welcomed a team of three Ofsted inspectors for a full two-day inspection. I am delighted to inform you that the final Ofsted Inspection Report has now been released and a copy accompanies this covering letter.

**The inspectors were extremely complimentary throughout the inspection and it is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Ofsted have graded Winslow CE School as 'Good' in all areas: The Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision.**

Please take the time to read the inspection report in full, as it evidences that Winslow CE School is not only good, but we are a school that continuously strives to improve and develop through our high expectations, with the pupils at the heart of our work. The report itself highlights the significant improvements since the last inspection in June 2022 and the many elements of effective provision at Winslow CE School as a result of the changes we have made. What is particularly pleasing is that the identified next steps to take the school forward were already within our school development plan prior to this inspection and are already being implemented.

Highlights of the Ofsted Report include:

- ***Pupils enjoy shining brightly as learners. They benefit from the school's high ambitions and expectations.***
- ***The school is a happy place to be. Pupils feel safe and that staff know them well.***
- ***There is a clear ambition for all pupils to achieve well. Across all subjects, the school has now established the most important knowledge pupils need to know and remember.***
- ***The school prioritises developing pupils' knowledge so that they can read, write and use key mathematical facts confidently. This begins in the early years where pupils make a strong start.***

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- ***The school considers pupils' personal development carefully. Pastoral support in the school is very strong, especially for the number of pupils who are young carers.***
- ***The school continues to improve standards in all areas of its work and embed the necessary changes made.***
- ***Everyone works well together to make sure that changes impact positively on pupils.***

I am incredibly proud that the hard work undertaken by everyone at Winslow CE School has been officially recognised and that our wonderful pupils now have yet another reason to be proud of our learning community. The inspection team noted staff are positive about the school, the journey of improvement and the way that they are looked after and supported.

Once again, may I thank all those involved in the inspection itself, especially the staff, governors, and the children who shone during the inspection process. I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support during this time of change as we have endeavoured to fulfil our vision to 'shine as lights of the world'.

I very much hope that you enjoy reading the full report and are as proud of the school as I am. We are open and transparent and understand that despite being rated as 'Good' in all areas, our hard work does not stop here. We are already implementing additional strategies that will further support our pupils to reach their full potential and continue to aspire to be the outstanding first-choice school in the local area.

This full report will also be accessible via the school website today and will be published on the official Ofsted report website within five working days.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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