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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will no doubt remember, Leesons was inspected by OFSTED in November 2022. The inspection report has now been released so I would like to give you some information about what the report states, what this means and what happens next in our school.

Myself and my team are very proud that 3 out of 5 of the areas considered by Ofsted (Behaviour & Attitudes, Personal Development and Early Years) have all been graded as 'Good'. The report has some very positive comments about pupils feeling safe, pupils being proud to take on responsibilities, leaders and staff being 'vigilant' to pupils' needs and praising the identification of strong pastoral support. These judgments are due to the hard work and commitment of staff, parents and pupils so I am very grateful to everyone for working together to make this school a better place for all of our children.

Overall, although the grading of the school was very close to being 'Good', the report has concluded a grading of 'Requires Improvement'. This is mainly as a result of needing to improve the 'linking' of curriculum topics across different year groups. If OFSTED deem that the curriculum being delivered in a school requires improvement, then it is automatically the case that the leadership & management of the school would also be graded as requires improvement, as it is our responsibility to identify these areas and action anything that needs working on.

We have already been working very hard as a Team and with our Trust partners to make changes in this area since the inspection and have no doubt that this will be addressed before the next OFSTED visit, which will be at some point within the next 30 months.

It's important to note that the inspection team visited us for just two days and this report is based on their findings of only those days. It doesn't take into account the journey we have been on over recent years dealing with COVID, the two floods etc and historical issues since 2017 which a lot of you will be very aware of. We are very proud of our school and want to make sure that we deliver the learning that your children deserve and that you expect, so that Leesons can continue to grow and become the best it can be.

We understand that you may have some questions about this report. Myself and Mrs Dobbs will be holding an 'Open' meeting for parents at 9am on Thursday 26th January to answer any questions you may have. All parents and carers are welcome.

Thank you for your invaluable support and understanding.

Yours Sincerely,

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