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Dear Parents and Carers

Best Possible Outcome for Ofsted Inspection

I am very pleased to share with you the outcome of the most recent visit to our school by Ofsted inspectors as the report will be uploaded on the Ofsted site on Thursday.

Please note that, since January, the Ofsted framework changed again. All good schools are now reviewed under the terms of a 'Section 8' inspection. This type of visit is unable to change the current judgement of the school - that can only be done through a 'Section 5' inspection - so the purpose of this visit was to confirm that the school was still 'good'. However, there were a number of possible outcomes to this inspection (please see attached an extract from the DfE School Inspection Handbook – April 2018):

Outcome 1 - the school continues to be a good school.

Outcome 2 - the school remains good and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school may be judged outstanding if it received a section 5 inspection now. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection, which will typically take place within one to two years

or

Outcome 3 - the lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would receive at least its current grade if a section 5 inspection were carried out now. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection within the statutory timeframe, which will typically take place within one to two years

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Outcome 4 - the lead inspector has gathered evidence that suggests the school may be inadequate in one or more of the graded judgements under section 5 inspections; there are serious concerns about safeguarding, pupils' behaviour or the quality of education; there are concerns that the performance of an outstanding non-except school could be declining to 'requires improvement'. The short inspection will be converted to a section 5 inspection, usually within 48 hours.

We were judged in the highest possible terms under the current framework, which means that the team of inspectors which next visits the school in 1-2 years will be empowered to change our overall judgement from 'good' to 'outstanding'. This is the recommendation of the HMI led team which spent time at WSFG in February.





Thank you all for your very supportive comments which were submitted to the team during the inspection; also your daughters and our staff spoke extremely proudly about the school to the inspectors. Indeed, even the weather was on our side as the inspectors toured lesson after lesson-just later that week we were obliged to close due to hazardous snow and ice on the school site!

Everyone is extremely proud of our school community; our Leadership team, our Governors, our staff - both teaching and support, our parents and carers, and, of course, our wonderful students who make every day worthwhile.

Thank you all for your continued support. Meanwhile, we feel confident that the next team which visits WSFG will be able to award the school the outstanding judgement it deserves!

Kind regards

Meryl Davies
Headteacher