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Dear Parents and Carers

The recent Ofsted inspection proved to be the perfect opportunity to share just how wonderful our pupils, staff and school community are. The inspector was left in no doubt over the two days just how rightly proud we are of our school and all that we do for the children.

The inspector describes the School as a 'happy and welcoming place with the school's motto success achieved together driving all that the school does.' Many of you echoed this in your comments which included 'we love the school,' 'it has a brilliant sense of community,' and 'our child seems very happy.'

The report really highlights just how well pupils behave and how proud they are of their many contributions to the community. Children feel and are safe. The school is welcoming and supportive of everyone, summed up by a child who said 'it's ok to be unique' when they were asked about how they feel about school.

The subjects and curriculum we offer is broad and ambitious, starting with the early years' children in Ash Class with settled routines and high staff expectations. Phonics and reading are a strength, with children being able to read with fluency and expression. The provision in maths is also identified as a strength across the school. We were particularly delighted by the feedback regarding science with children described as being 'enthralled by their science lessons', with one child being heard to say 'wow, that's science.' Children are able to 'use their knowledge to reason and think scientifically.' The school has created a science lab (which is rare within a primary school) and this has helped to ensure our facilities match the high-quality of our teaching and learning.

The inspection confirms that we remain a good school and identifies just one area of further development. Whilst we have clear plans for all subjects, we need to refine the precision of the learning objectives in the foundation subjects which include geography and history. This is to ensure that all pupils remember even more in these subjects. We accept that this is a good next step for us.

I encourage you to read the entire letter (click <u>here</u>), as although the inspector was with us for a short period of time, she captures very well what makes Catmose Primary such a wonderful school to lead.

Yours faithfully

Kelly Jackson Head of School