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Dear Parents,

As you know, the school was subject to an ungraded Ofsted Inspection on January 31 2023. This was a one day inspection with two inspectors. This was the first inspection of the school in over 5 years. During this period there have been many changes to the way Ofsted grade schools, with the most significant changes happening in 2019.

A school can receive one of four possible grades: Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate. You may be aware from recent news reports that nationally schools have found the new framework far more challenging than the previous framework, with Ofsted referring to the current inspection cycle as 'setting a new baseline'.

We are delighted to share with you our **Good report**. Swinderby has been graded as a 'Good School'.

Ofsted reports are brief and represent a snapshot in time, but we believe our report really reflects our school values and the inspectors wrote:

1. The curriculum is well planned
2. Staff are caring, they help support pupils to strive to be the best they can be
3. Teachers have high expectation of pupil's behaviour
4. Pupils say that 'they feel safe and happy in school'. They say 'bullying is rare'
5. Pupils receive lots of exciting opportunities to extend their learning
6. Governors have the appropriate skills. They have an accurate view of the school
7. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective, staff are vigilant and make sure that pupils' welfare and safety are safe-guarded.
8. Pupils' attendance is good.

Whilst the school has been graded as GOOD, there were some areas identified for improvement and these are on the School Development Plan.

The school needs to ensure that the phonics curriculum is consistently taught and ensure that all children learn to read quickly with accuracy and fluency. This is already underway with the school working closely with the Lincolnshire English Hub.

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The school is also working on training on how to adapt the curriculum more to ensure that both the needs of SEN and Higher achievers are met.

During the feedback the inspectors told the school that they had enjoyed their time at school. We are very proud of this.

Finally, we would like to thank all our parents, pupils and staff for their commitment to the school, we are pleased with the report and agree wholeheartedly that 'the school is at the heart of the community'. We will continue to strive to do the best for all our pupils.

So, if you have any further questions about the report, or any other aspects of the school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Zoe Longstaff (Head Teacher)

Lynne Carter (Chair of Governors)

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