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Tuesday 2nd October 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am very pleased to be able to share the findings of our recent Ofsted visit with you in the attached letter.

As you will see there are many positive comments about yours and your children's perception of the school. It is difficult for me to pick out my 'favourite' comment as there are so many positives in the letter but I do particularly appreciate the fact that, overall, the inspectors showed a very clear understanding of our commitment to the school, the children and yourselves. I do sincerely hope that this is reflected in your own experience of South Park Primary.

In terms of our next steps, we were able to discuss and agree these with the inspectors and so we will be looking closely at teaching and learning in phonics to ensure children make even better progress and achieve more highly in their Phonics Screening Check. In addition, you will see that we still need to raise the levels of attendance. In the Ofsted letter it states that:

"Poor attendance therefore remains a negative feature of school life which governors and leaders are determined to address so that pupils are not disadvantaged by the actions of their parents."

It is clear that we now need to work even harder together to tackle the issue of poor attendance, particularly absence due to low level 'illness.' I will continue to remind parents whose children do not attend regularly and will be available to offer support and challenge to those who do not improve. I am also setting the attendance target this year at 97% as an acceptable minimum amount of time to be in school. I hope that we can work together to make real sustainable improvements in this area.

Finally, back to all the positive features of this letter and I wish to say a huge thank you to yourselves who support the school on a daily basis; to your children who are a joy to teach and work with; to the Governors who work so hard in their own time to support the school and finally to the best group of staff I have ever worked with!

We now continue to look forward and to improve and build on our strong foundations to make South Park Primary even better.

Yours sincerely,

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