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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December. The full report will be published on the OFSTED website on Wednesday 10th January 2018. However, we are allowed to inform parents and carers of the outcome in advance and attach a copy of the report.

The grades that can be awarded are Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3) or Inadequate (4). In recent years the term 'Requires Improvement' has replaced the previous grading of 'Satisfactory' in OFSTED inspections.

Previously the school was judged as 'Good' in November 2013. However, in this recent inspection, the school was judged overall to be within the category of 'Requires Improvement' (3).

Having said that, the inspectors found much strength within the school and were satisfied that the school is already making progress towards ensuring high quality teaching and learning for the children of Brookland Junior School.

Some highlights of the report include;

'The new Headteacher has identified some key areas where improvements are needed'

'Brookland Junior School is an inclusive school' where 'pupils are proud'

'Pupils enjoy a range of activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum'

'The school's vision and values are embedded and understood by all'

'Leaders have developed strong relationships with parents and the wider community'

In terms of safeguarding OFSTED felt that the school was 'effective' and highlighted that children feel safe in school and parents agree with this.

It is obviously very disappointing for all members of the school community that the outcome of the inspection has found that the school requires improvement. We know in ourselves that Brookland Junior is a great school and we have already identified the areas that Ofsted highlighted as areas for improvement. The outcome of this inspection does not change the focus of any work we are currently doing.

To give parents more opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have regarding the OFSTED report and the progress that we are already making in improving the school, we would like to invite you to a parents' meeting at school on Thursday 11th January at 5:00pm. We would kindly ask that you do not bring children to this meeting.

We look forward to having the opportunity to talk further with you at this time.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Douglas
Headteacher



Mrs L Dobranja
Chair of Governors