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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am very pleased to share with you the recent Ofsted inspection report. As you will see, the school has now returned to a ‘Good’ rating, from the 2018 inspection which found the school to be ‘Requires Improvement’.

The report and recent inspection highlighted many of the strengths of the school and its pupils – it is fantastic to see the words of some of the pupils in the report and to see the way they have really embraced the changes that Miss Allen and her team have made in school. It was lovely to hear that the children talked positively to inspectors about their learning and their resilience when learning new things – this is something that governors often see when we are in school.

The report also highlighted some areas for improvement:

* The first related to curriculum planning and having a clear plan of the detailed knowledge each year group should be learning each week within individual subject plans. This is something that the governors, along with staff, will focus on.
* The second related to the rate of persistent absence. Despite changing our absence policy following the last inspection, attendance remains below where it should be and some children have a very high level of absence. We all have a responsibility to ensure children are in school, on time, making the most of the learning time they have at Gotham Primary. We appreciate your support in this area.

I am very pleased that the report recognises all the work that staff have put in since the last inspection, to strengthen the quality of teaching and learning at the school and make sure that the school has high aspirations for all children. I am sure this puts us in a position to go from strength to strength.

I would like to thank everyone who completed the parent survey, spoke to inspectors, and demonstrated the family and community ethos of Gotham Primary. Most importantly I would like to thank you all for the continued support for the children and staff – to be the best we can be, together! If you have any questions on the report or have other topics that you would like to raise, please do let one of the governors know. Our contact details are in the office and mine are included at the bottom of the letter.

Kind regards,

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