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Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents,

We are delighted to inform you that Bleasby Primary School has retained its 'good' judgement by Ofsted in our latest inspection.

There has been a lot of hard work behind the scenes to maintain this 'good' judgement. Education moves on apace and, to remain 'good', requires constant review and development. We are pleased that the hard work of our staff has been recognised. We are sure you will join us in congratulating everyone who works and volunteers at our school.

The full report is attached for your information. However, we would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to some of the feedback we received.

The inspectors looked in depth at our new curriculum and felt that the changes were having a positive impact:

"They have designed an ambitious two-year curriculum cycle..... The curriculum identifies precisely what pupils need to learn and when, starting with the early years. Over-arching enquiry questions each term help pupils to make connections between different subjects. Pupils are excited to find out about these new topics. They are keen to tell others about what they have learned."

We were also really pleased to read that the inspectors feel our recent developments in the teaching of reading are making a difference:

"Reading is a high priority. Leaders have recently introduced a new phonics programme. Children in the early years start learning their letters and sounds straight away"

"Pupils experience books from a range of genres, authors and cultures. Whenever pupils get a spare moment, they pick up books they have chosen and read."

Your children clearly impressed the inspectors!

"They frequently demonstrate the school's ABC (Achieving, Belonging, Caring) values"

"Most pupils conduct themselves very well."

"Pupils engage enthusiastically during lessons"

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We also wanted to personally thank everyone who completed Ofsted's Parent View survey or talked to the inspectors in the morning. This is such valuable feedback, and we will read every comment to continue to make the school the best that it can be for your children.

A copy of the report has been sent with this letter. It will also be able to be accessed on our new website that launches over this weekend!

What this means for us now:

- We will continue with the development work already in place and extend it, for example by offering further training to our wonderful reading volunteers and by ensuring that the ambition in the curriculum, recognised so often in the report, is seen in all lessons for all children.
- Carry out a further review of marking and consider ways in which children can have more opportunity to respond to it.
- o Our next inspection will be in approximately 4 years' time

Thank you once again for all the support you continue to give the school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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