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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share with you our Ofsted report following our recent inspection. The headline results are:

The quality of education: **Good**

Behaviour and attitudes: **Outstanding**

Personal development: **Outstanding**

Leadership and management: **Outstanding**

Early years provision: **Outstanding**

These combined give us an **overall effectiveness grade of Good**. This may seem a little unusual as we were judged outstanding in nearly all areas. This reflects the recent media headlines questioning Ofsted giving a one-word judgement that does not fully reflect the school, its inspection or how it compares to others.

This is an exceptional result and one that we are extremely proud of achieving. To put this into context nationally, when the school was last inspected in 2009 around 20% of schools were judged as Outstanding. That figure, since the new Ofsted Framework has been in place (from 2019), is 4.02%. No primary or secondary school has been judged Outstanding in Gloucestershire in a full inspection since the new Ofsted framework was released in 2019 or have received an Outstanding judgement for Quality of Education. Blue Coat Primary School's report is the highest outcome achieved. Furthermore, in Gloucestershire only one other school, of the over one hundred inspected, achieved an Outstanding judgement for leadership and management and no other schools have achieved an Outstanding judgement for Early Years.

Whilst we fully agree that Ofsted judgements do not reflect the full spectrum of the wonderful things that happen in schools, we were very pleased with the comments made about Blue Coat in our report, which we feel encapsulates what we do here. These include:

"Relationships between pupils are caring."

"Pupils are curious and confident."

"Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities are very well supported."

"Pupil's personal development is exceptionally well supported."

"...they (pupils) experience a wealth of books and stories"

A huge part of our success has been down to yourselves as parents. The results of the Ofsted parent-view questionnaire were exceptional. However, this is the tip of the iceberg. Through the challenges of COVID and beyond, the parent body has been unfaltering in their support for their children and of the school. Our success is always a partnership between yourselves, the utterly dedicated staff (including Governors and volunteers) at school as well as our brilliant children.

Glyn Jones
Headteacher