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Dear parents and carers

I hope all families had a lovely weekend.

It has been a fantastic start to the term since our return in January. The children have settled back in brilliantly, focusing on our school value "Belong to the World" through our latest units of work.

I am writing to share our recently released Ofsted report card following our inspection in December. Huntington was among some of the first schools in the country to be inspected under Ofsted's new framework which no longer includes single word judgements of a school's performance.

As you can see in our attached report card, schools receive separate outcomes across several key areas and I am delighted to say that we achieved the Expected Standard in all but one area. Ofsted has stated that the new Expected Standard is a high benchmark to achieve and recognises that pupils are receiving everything they need and deserve. It also highlights that schools are following all statutory and non-statutory legislation and meeting the professional standards expected of them.

We were also found to meet all safeguarding standards, having an open culture where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and concerns are actively identified, acted upon and managed.

I am delighted that the report reflects the considerable efforts and improvements made since our last inspection. It also highlights the hard work, commitment and care shown by our pupils, staff and governors and the positive culture and direction of the school. Inspectors recognised many strengths across Huntington, in particular, they noted that:

- *"Pupils are happy and safe at Huntington Primary Academy."*
- *"The inclusive nature of the school is reflected in the positive relationships that pupils have with staff and with each other."*
- *"There is a strong culture and commitment from all leaders and staff to the school's continuous improvement."*
- *"Those responsible for leadership have a clear ambition for pupils, particularly those with SEND."*
- *"Highly skilled and well-trained staff provide effective support for pupils with more complex needs."*
- *"Leaders' inclusive approach is reflected in their commitment to pupils' wider development."*

Inspectors found our Early Years provision to Need Attention. It is important to stress that this is not the same as the old Requires Improvement but highlights where issues can be addressed before they become bigger problems. It's also important to note the many strengths in Early Years which contributed to our outcomes in the other categories including leadership and inclusion.

Ofsted is also clear that leaders are likely able to make the necessary improvements to secure the Expected Standard. The report recognises the progress we have already made in this area, noting that our improvements in Early Years have been significant since the last inspection.

The report also highlights the quality of leadership and staff development, noting that "carefully tailored programmes of professional development have developed staff's knowledge as well as their confidence" and that "staff feel valued and listened to." This is something I am particularly proud of, as it directly impacts the experience and outcomes of our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our school community, particularly during our inspection and the positive feedback you shared with Ofsted. We are now looking forward to building on our strengths and addressing the areas for development identified in the report to ensure every child at Huntington receives the very best education and opportunities.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Holton
Headteacher