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Dear Parent or Carer,

On the 10th January, Clutton Primary School was inspected by the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted). Every school in the country is inspected periodically with the results being an indicator to you of the quality of care and teaching going on in the school.

It had been 4 years since Clutton was last inspected when Ofsted declared Clutton as a "Good" school. During the intervening years it is fair to say the school has been on a journey resulting from a transition to an academy and a change in head teacher.

In the summer of 2016 following the resignation of Mrs Parsons but prior to Miss Ennew joining as the new Head teacher, governors had growing concerns that the school was not meeting the Ofsted standards of a "Good" school. It had become increasingly clear that there were occurrences where the quality of teaching was not meeting the pupils needs. This was demonstrated in part through pupils not meeting attainments levels in Mathematics and a dip in standards in Key stage 1. Governors agreed with the school self-evaluation that Clutton School in September 2016 was a school that "Requires Improvement".

The inspector specifically pointed out in the report that the new leadership has rapidly addressed the dip in pupil's progress by addressing the quality of teaching. It was demonstrated that improvements have been made in Key stage 1 with more pupils meeting, and on track to meet, the age-related expectations.

I'm very pleased that the Ofsted inspector in January has recognised the immense effort and results that all staff and children have made, led fantastically by Miss Ennew, in grading Clutton as a "**Good**" school. It should not be underestimated how hard it has been to turn the school around so swiftly.

As chair of governors I'd like to thank Miss Ennew, her leadership team and all teaching and support staff.

There is still work to do and like any "**Good**" school we wish to continue to be good and to make progress. The inspector supports this plan by highlighting the need for pupils in Year 2

and Year 3 to continue to make better progress so that more of them achieve or exceed their age-related expectations, especially in mathematics. Pupils' progress in reading continues to accelerate, especially for middle prior attaining pupils. Leaders communicate with parents more effectively to ensure parents are well-informed about their child's progress and receive timely information to help them to support their children's learning.

Worthy of special mention is the feedback pupils gave to the Ofsted inspector; they spoke highly of the new approach to improve reading standards, pupils spoke about bullying being rare, feeling safe in the school and being proud of the school. The inspector remarked on the kindness and politeness of the pupils. As a parent these are the comments that resonate with me, it makes me proud of the school, the pupil cohort and all the staff.

A copy of the report will be published on the Ofsted website on the 31st January 2018.

Yours sincerely

Paul Smith
Chair of Governors