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Dear Parents/Carers

It is with great pleasure that I write to confirm the outcome of our recent Ofsted Report. The school was inspected on Tuesday, 6th March 2018 by Paul Metcalf (Lead Inspector) and Peter Fry.

Their overall judgement was that Chatsmore is a good school. The attached report is extremely positive and captures many of the great things about our school. I am particularly delighted that the inspectors recognised many of the important changes we have made since September to raise standards and improve the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

Firstly, I would like to thank our great staff, both teaching and non-teaching, for enabling such a positive outcome. We are blessed, at Chatsmore, to have a talented and hardworking staff who go above and beyond to ensure that every student is cared for and supported; our staff are totally committed to ensuring that every child achieves their God-given potential. My thanks, also, to the governors for their tireless support of the school.

Most importantly, I would like to thank our students; Chatsmore is an amazing school because we have amazing students. It is the children that inspire us and keep us excited to come to work each day. Similarly, the children's care and concern for each other is moving beyond words, something that was clear to the inspectors.

I would also like to thank you, as parents, for sending us such wonderful children; your support is essential in ensuring we have a close partnership and work together to be the very best school we can be. A particular, thanks to the many parents who completed the online questionnaire and to those of you who met the inspectors and spoke so positively about our school.

Please can I ask that you read the report and get in contact if you have any questions. I do, however, want to pull out a few quotes that demonstrate the journey we are on. All of the staff are absolutely committed to making Chatsmore an outstanding school in every respect, something that is evident in the comments of the lead inspector:

"Your clear commitment to ensure that every pupil succeeds, regardless of their background or their ability, is shared by all of your staff. You believe passionately that the school makes a difference to pupils' future chances in life and use this as a basis for your determination and commitment."

"High expectations of behaviour, attendance, staff and pupils."

"The school's values are underpinned by the strong Catholic ethos."

"Pupils were very well behaved and were keen to show me the corridors which they had painted and explain how the rewards system worked."

"Regular data collections ensure that any underperformance is quickly identified and rectified."

"Leaders are very focused on continuing to ensure consistently high-quality teaching across all subjects, reducing variability and raising the performance of disadvantaged pupils."

Finally, can I assure you of my absolute commitment to build on the foundations of this great report and ensure that we continue on our rapid journey towards outstanding. Having spent most of my teaching career in an outstanding school, I know that the mind-set of an outstanding school is one that that always focuses on how to be better.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Byrne
Headteacher

