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Ofsted report

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the report following our Ofsted inspection on 11 and 12 January. We are officially a **GOOD** school.

The report is highly complimentary about many aspects of our provision, but I feel the following quotes from the report really captured what Knutsford is about:

- *There is a shared commitment in the school to include everyone, and pupils value this highly.*
- *Pupils demonstrate good learning attitudes and self-control. This typically leads to classrooms that are focused and calm environments.*
- *Pupils take on responsibilities and make a genuine difference to school life.*
- *Leaders are focused on continuously improving the school for the benefit of pupils.*
- *Leaders care about the well-being of staff.*
- *In reference to maths, the report says: staff use their strong knowledge to enhance pupils' achievements.*
- *Phonics teaching helps pupils to achieve well.*
- *Pupils with SEND are supported with accurate and detailed plans. This means all staff know how to best meet their needs in the specific areas set out.*
- *Leaders have created an ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum. This sets high expectations for what pupils learn over time, starting from the moment children start school in nursery.*

The inspectors identified just one area for us to improve and that is within the early years. On the whole, inspectors were very positive about our early years provision. However, they felt that some of the interactions adults have with children during child initiated learning (this is when the children are playing independently), did not sufficiently challenge the children. The inspectors describe this as a 'minor variation' in our provision so while we will work on this to ensure children are challenged during child initiated as well as adult led learning, let's not forget that the inspectors were of the opinion that the quality of our early years provision is good.

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I could not be more proud of the whole Knutsford team. Staff constantly go the extra mile to achieve the best possible outcomes for the children, the children strive to do their best in all areas of school life, we have benefitted from the support and advice of our Local Advisory Body and the Aspire team and we receive fabulous support from you. Achieving this GOOD report has been a real team effort – well done and thank you everyone. I hope you enjoy reading the report as much as I did.

Kind regards

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