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Dear Parents and Carers,

February Ofsted Judgement – DJS is a Good School

We are very pleased to be able to send to you today the full report from the recent HMI visit on 3rd and 4th February. At the end of the first day, there was overwhelming evidence to take the school out of special measures and so the second day became a full Ofsted inspection to give the school a full report and a 're-grade'. This report will shortly be put onto the Ofsted website.

The school has, in all areas, been the most externally scrutinised school in the locality and to move the school from 'Inadequate' to 'Good' in 15 months is a fantastic achievement for all the staff who have worked so hard to bring about the changes that were required. The children, parents, governors and the Local Authority have all played their part and finally, after over several years of waiting (and unacceptably failing some children), the Denmead community has a junior school where the children are now getting a 'Good' deal.

Of course, there are challenges ahead. The significantly raised national standards for every year's 'End of Year Expectations' means that we are continually looking at every child's progress and how we can refine our teaching methods and school systems so that each child meets or exceeds these standards. Equally, alongside that, making sure that children are happy - because happy children learn best!

In addition, the government's definition of 'coasting schools' is yet to be finalised, but if it includes past years' attainment and progress data then the school will be vulnerable to meeting this definition.

The next Ofsted inspection will be due in three years' time, and we are aiming for 'Outstanding'. We will continue to work hard to realise our vision statement **where we are committed to further improving the quality of education at DJS so children:**

- **Have the necessary skills and competencies in Reading, Writing and Maths to flourish at secondary school and in the wider community**
- **Are socially skilled and good communicators in all forms**
- **Have understanding, resilience, empathy and care for others**
- **Are healthy, confident and happy**
- **Will look back on their learning at DJS with affection, pride and a recognition of the solid foundations for life-long learning and citizenship that were laid here**

In the meantime we are of course thinking about suitable celebrations! The children will be involved in this process, so look out for some exciting announcements.

Best wishes,

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Head Teacher

Mrs Shirley Nellthorpe
Chair of Governors