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Dear Cuddington Parents and Families

A warm welcome back to you all for the start of our summer term – and what a welcome we received with a phone call to inform us all that an Ofsted Inspection would be taking place!

This has been my 8th inspection as a senior leader across 3 schools and it felt incredibly rigorous. It started with a 2.5-hour phone call on Monday through to feedback to our Local Academy Board and Trustees on Wednesday at 6pm.

It was another opportunity to showcase our wonderful school. I am unable to share any outcome with you at this stage as the reporting and the evidence collected has to go through quality assurance first, before a report is shared with governors and I. It will be approximately 30 school days until the report can be published to parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the overwhelmingly positive parent feedback via the Ofsted parent view – 97% of you said you would recommend this school to another parent. There were many, many additional written feedback comments which the inspector read and shared with me. I do not know who wrote what as it was all anonymised, but I can only say that your comments filled me with great pride at the school I have the privilege of leading. I cannot thank you all enough for the kind messages, the good luck wishes, the emails and the time you took to write to Ofsted. Your messages and feedback were taken very much into consideration for Ofsted's evidence base.

This has been my first inspection as a Head Teacher of a school in a multi academy trust. I am grateful to our CEO and our Director of Education who stayed by our side the whole time offering practical and emotional support. The Head Teachers from the other 2 trust schools showed equal support – as did our Local Academy Board. What a team of leaders we were (and are)!

I work with the 'best' staff – I couldn't have asked for any more from any of them – in fact this is the case on a day to day basis!

Finally, your children made us all proud – from inviting the inspector into our hairdressers in Reception to observing our Year 6s in athletics and gaining their views about our school. No stone was left unturned with your children being open and honest about their learning and personal development.

Our staff need a well earned break this weekend, then we will 'go again' on Monday 😊

Kind regards

Mrs S Mills (Head Teacher)

