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Dear families

We are delighted to share our OFSTED report with you following the 2 day inspection on 20th and 21st November 2019. The inspector was really pleased with everything she saw and made many positive comments, such as:

‘Benfield has a strong curriculum that is being rolled out across the school’.

‘The teaching of History is ambitious and comprehensive’.

‘I have rarely visited a school where staff felt so supported in their workload and wellbeing.’

‘Governors showed vision for the wider curriculum. ‘

Since September 2019, OFSTED inspections have changed and they have introduced a new inspection framework, which is really to judge whether a school remains good. This shorter inspection is called a section 8, which is what our inspection was. This means that a school cannot be judged Outstanding but is to confirm that it can remain a good school. Our inspection looked at Reading, Writing and History as well as the wider curriculum areas and behaviour.

We are pleased and proud that the inspector did see some very strong teaching and she commented on the following:

- Reading is taken seriously at Benfield and clearly a priority
- She said our staff were ‘skilled, knowledgeable & confident’. They all worked hard to build on previous knowledge and this was effective.
- All staff promote a love of reading. The inspector saw some ‘lovely texts’ that she wanted to pick up and read herself.
- In History, she commented that we have developed a comprehensive document which outlines the knowledge, skills and vocab for History teaching and learning across the school.
- Staff are passionate, knowledgeable and confident about the vision for Benfield in terms of the writing curriculum.

She could also see all that fantastic work we have completed on the history curriculum and how we are planning to develop this further into all areas of the curriculum. We will continue to work hard and next time we get an inspection, maybe we will get a full inspection and have a chance to show that we are on our journey to Outstanding!

We will be holding a short meeting to answer any questions you have around this report on **Monday at 9am in the library**. Please can you let Mrs. Hinchliff know if you would like to attend.

Best wishes

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Executive Head

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