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Dear Parents / Carers,

Following our Ofsted visit this week, I am writing to explain the refreshed Ofsted inspection framework so you understand what the inspection looked at, what the school will receive, and what will happen next. You may have noticed that the banner outside has been taken down as we have now been exposed to the new framework.

What has changed

- From November 2025 Ofsted changed the way inspections are reported. Inspectors now focus on a set of evaluation areas (for example: safeguarding; curriculum and teaching; inclusion; behaviour and attendance; personal development; early years; and leadership and governance) rather than giving a single overall effectiveness grade in the same way as before.
- The emphasis is on how leaders' decisions affect pupils' learning and wellbeing, and on whether the curriculum is broad, ambitious and taught in a sequenced way so pupils remember important knowledge and vocabulary.

What you will receive (and when)

- The school will receive a draft report card from Ofsted after moderation and quality assurance — usually within 18 working days of the inspection ending.
- We will have 5 working days to comment on any factual inaccuracies or points of clarity in that draft.
- After the final report card is issued to us, we must make sure every parent receives a copy within 5 working days; Ofsted normally publishes the final report on its website 5 working days after sending it to the school. (These are standard timelines used by Ofsted.)

What the report will tell you

- The report will set out inspectors' findings for each evaluation area (for example how well the curriculum is designed and taught, how effective safeguarding is, pupils' personal development).
- It will name strengths inspectors saw and areas we are asked to develop further. It will not be written as a long inspection checklist — it is a focused report about impact and next steps.

How you can ask questions

- Once we have the final report you are welcome to contact the school office or me directly if you would like clarification about the findings or our plans. I will also share with parents any short summary actions we will take and timescales so you can see our priorities.

Chase Side Primary remains committed to our vision of developing confident lifelong learners who embrace and value diversity. We will continue to put high-quality classroom teaching, positive behaviour, wellbeing and inclusion at the heart of everything we do so every child can thrive.

As we repeatedly say to the children we are 'Stronger Together'.

Miss Scull
Headteacher