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Our Vision
A – Aspire
B – Believe
C – Care

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached a copy of our recent Ofsted report following the inspection on Thursday 10th January. The governors are thrilled with the way in which the report shows a true and vibrant reflection of our school.

Under '**strong leadership**' the standards have risen '**to even higher levels in the school than in the past**'. The values and ethos of the school were '**evident in the behaviour of the pupils and in the respect they demonstrate towards others**' and it was also recognised that '**pupils develop well, both academically and socially, in a safe, nurturing environment**'. What a testament those statements are to life at the school. Comments like this are only ever the result of the fantastic work put in by the school community all day, every day.

It was thrilling to read that our innovative *Curious Curriculum*, which supports and embraces a broad, balanced, creative way of learning was celebrated as '**developing the whole child**', leading to '**positive attitudes of learning**'. '**In every class, there is an excited buzz of learning, accompanied by dedicated focus on the task at hand**'. What a fantastic picture of our school.

The school's determination to be 'the best it can be' was also recognised. Icklesham challenges itself with this relentless focus, making sure the pupils are '**inspired and enthused**', with the '**welfare of pupils a top priority**'.

Our 'next steps' were in line with our own action plan and are already being addressed, with both *Maths Mastery* and *Curious Curriculum* going from strength to strength.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parents and carers, for your on-going support of the school and for the comments left on *Parent View*. These testimonies illustrate just how special Icklesham is to all its stakeholders.

I hope you will join the governors in thanking the staff, as one parent put it for '**the passion, care, love and respect**' they put in, day in, day out to ensure the pupils have this exceptional start to their education.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Betts
Co-Chair of Governors

