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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to let you know that the report from our recent Section 8 Ofsted inspection is now available and has been enclosed with this letter. The report will be accessible on the school website later today and will be published on the Ofsted website on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

The purpose of a section 8 inspection is to gauge whether a school continues to be 'good' as indicated in our previous report in March 2017, or to ascertain whether there is evidence to suggest a school is above or below its original grading. We are happy to confirm that the school remains a **good** school, particularly at a time when the benchmark for 'Good' is at the highest level it has ever been. As with any school looking to aspire to the highest standards of education, there are some areas for development that the school needs to work on to maintain this standard. Therefore, Woore Primary and Nursery School will receive a section 5 inspection; usually this is within one to two years of the date of the section 8 inspection.

The new inspection framework which came out in September 2019 is very rigorous and has a particular focus on the curriculum delivered by schools. An important aspect of the new inspection framework is a deeper focus on the wider curriculum looking at subjects beyond English and Maths. This change in emphasis was welcomed by the Woore staff, since we have always ensured our children have a wide ranging, engaging curriculum. In the last few years, we have further developed each subject to ensure children build on previous learning whilst acquiring new, memorable knowledge. Ofsted noted that "Leaders want pupils to experience high-quality learning in all subjects" and recognise that long-term plans are in place for all subjects. The inspectors stated that 'These plans make clear what leaders want pupils to know and learn'.

The Ofsted inspection was thorough, robust and professionally rigorous. Although, findings only represented a few areas of the curriculum due to the one-day inspection. In this inspection there was a focus on early reading, mathematics and modern foreign languages.

I am delighted that the hard work undertaken by the Woore Primary and Nursery staff and school community has been recognised, including the comments regarding our work on Personal Development. In a conversation with the inspector, Personal Development within the school was described as 'Impressive'. The report mentions the 'varied and exciting experiences' which we provide for the children and how 'pupils are

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proud to take on extra responsibilities' and 'take their roles seriously'. We will continue to strive to create caring, thoughtful and passionate pupils who are proud of themselves and their school community.

The inspectors talked very positively about the ethos of our small school and our wonderful children, they stated how "Pupils talk proudly about their school", that they are 'eager to attend, and make strong positive friendships'. Pupils who spoke to inspectors said how 'anyone is welcome at their school and differences are celebrated'. We are a values-driven school, a place of nurture where we know our pupils well. Inspectors commented that 'relationships in school are warm and caring' and that 'staff are very positive'.

School Leaders are also grateful for the Inspectors' acknowledgement of the work we do to ensure that we have effective systems in place to keep children safe. We are happy to hear that both the pupils and parents also agree with this.

Inspectors also praised the work we do to ensure that 'the early years get off to a great start'. They described the staff as 'patient and skilled when encouraging very young children to express themselves and join in activities'. Nursery staff were noted for how they 'think carefully about how best to meet children's needs. They make sure there is time to play, learn and sleep when needed'.

Whilst there were many more positives reflected in the report, there will always be things we can improve, and our staff are already very focused on the development of curriculum implementation and ensuring that our detailed curriculum plans are delivered within lessons effectively. Leaders are supporting curriculum coordinators to develop their leadership roles through further professional development which will, in turn, provide opportunities to deepen the learning our children receive. These areas are already part of our school improvement plan. Some aspects of our curriculum are in the early stages of development. We will strive to ensure that the necessary support and training is put in place to improve our knowledge and effectiveness. Our support for pupils with SEND is a top priority. Leaders 'ensure that teachers are well-informed about the needs of pupils with SEND' and will put a higher emphasis on checking that the advice given is acted upon effectively to ensure that work is well-matched to their needs.

Leaders are confident that the school team will achieve these improvements quickly and ensure we are able to maintain our 'Good' status at our next full Section 5 inspection.

Thank you to every member of the school and the wider school community who are working tirelessly to make Woore Primary and Nursery a wonderful place for children to learn. I would also like to thank you as parents specifically, who have supported our school in all we have been aiming to achieve. The inspectors noted that; 'Parents and Carers all agree that the school is a special place'. Your continued support for Woore



Primary and Nursery School is greatly valued and appreciated and we look forwards to continuing to support your children in their future learning so that they are ready for the next stage in their education.

Yours Sincerely



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