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Dear Parents/carers

We have now received the Inspection report from Ofsted following our inspection on 29th and 30th March, you have been given a full copy of the report with your child today. I am sorry that it has taken so long to be able to share this with you, we have been waiting for it to go through Ofsted's moderation and checking process.

The main finding is that Ingleby Arncliffe CE VA Primary School requires **Special Measures** and it is failing to give pupils an acceptable standard of education. As Swainby & Potto CE VA Primary school pupils are also educated at the same school it can also be assumed that they are receiving the same standard of education. Both myself, as Interim Head teacher, and David Jackson, Chair of Governors and the governing body are committed to addressing the issues raised in the report and raising standards for all of our pupils.

In brief the report states as follows:

'The recently appointed Interim head teacher has made a promising start and is taking effective action'

'The head teacher has introduced a comprehensive programme of training and checking and is determinedly keeping a tight and ambitious schedule. This is resulting in some recent signs of raised expectations and improvements in teaching'

'...a programme of activities to begin to strengthen... pupil's development. Pupils' moral development, rooted in the school's Christian values is generally well developed.'

'Attendance is high and persistent absence is low'

'...special educational needs coordinator is beginning to gather more robust, diagnostic information...and to plan more effectively for their needs'

'The local authority has given the school substantial help'

'The diocese has worked closely with the local authority, has been instrumental in securing the current effective head teacher and is beginning to improve governance '

'A highly effective chair of the governing body, who has a record of success in governance...has hit the ground running, identifying all statutory duties....he is beginning to get a grip on weak financial management and is putting together a deficit reduction plan'

'...the head teacher rightly prioritised the safety of pupils, ...helped staff be more aware of potential risk to pupils...took urgent action to install a temporary, secure fence...the current school building so that the site is now secure'

'Pupils are safe and say they feel safe...pupils understand right from wrong and the consequences of their actions. Their moral development is rooted in the Christian traditions taught in this Church of England school.'

I appreciate that many of you will be disappointed by many of the judgements and frustrated that standards here have not been good enough for your children. Please be assured that all of the staff here and the governing body share your concerns and are determined to work extremely hard to ensure you child receives a good education.

I would particularly like to thank the children for their enthusiasm, hard work and exemplary behaviour, not just during the inspection, but every day at our school.

Yours faithfully

Sharon Daly
Interim Head teacher