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Dear Parents,

I am pleased to be able to share our Ofsted inspection report with you. I have attached it to this letter and it will also be accessible via the school website. I have also uploaded our 2022 Key Stage 2 results to the school website.

As you will be aware, Ofsted undertook an ungraded inspection of Northburn on the 4th and 5th of October. I am delighted that many strengths were identified and they concluded that Northburn continues to be a good school.

I have often said that the behaviour of our children is remarked upon by visitors. Ofsted also commented that behaviour was impressive and that, 'mutual respect and kindness are part of daily life'. Our school community is inclusive and is ambitious for all and that we are a 'very caring and happy place'.

Our school curriculum was also praised. Children and staff were able to talk with enthusiasm about our 'diverse, rich and well-sequenced curriculum' that ensures all have every chance of success. We prioritise reading which is reflected in the outcomes children achieve.

Of course, there are always things we can do better. Ofsted agreed that, as well as correctly identifying our strengths, we have also correctly identified areas for further improvement and that clear plans are in place to continue to drive the school forward. We are committed to pursuing excellence.

May I take this opportunity to thank all those involved in making Northburn a thriving community. Thank you to all staff who work tirelessly to ensure our children enjoy school and achieve. Thanks also to our governors who support the school so well. Thank you to you all. I was touched by the many emails I received wishing us well during the inspection and the supportive comments that were shared with inspectors.

Best wishes,

Clare Scott