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Dear Emmanuel parents and carers,

I am delighted to write with news regarding the Ofsted inspection which took place just before the end of the Summer Term. The inspector has completed her report and supplied it to the school leadership ahead of publication on the Ofsted website. We will provide a link on our own site in due course.

The inspector observed excellent practice throughout her visit and consequently assigned the highest possible outcome for a section 8 'ungraded' inspection. To quote from her report: *"the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding if a graded inspection were carried out now"*.

Emmanuel's official grading will remain 'Good' – which is the only possible result from a section 8 inspection – but the report tells the full story: of a school where *'pupils learn an ambitious and well-designed curriculum'* and their *'wider development is exceptional'*. It is a great credit to our children that they demonstrated so clearly to the inspector how successfully they learn within Emmanuel's classrooms, and how much else they take from their experience of school.

Our next inspection will be a graded 'section 5' inspection, albeit subject to any changes in the national inspection regime, some of which are already in motion.

In any context, it is a wonderful achievement to be recognised for standards consistent with an outstanding grading; but to have done so just a year after Emmanuel entered a new partnership at a time of significant turnover in leadership and staff: this is truly remarkable. I am proud to be part of the school community, and grateful to my fellow governors for their strategic role and thoughtful support.

I'd like to acknowledge the incredible contribution and commitment of our staff all the way back to our last inspection in 2019; your skill, your passion and your example are the vital ingredients for a learning environment and joyful culture that make Emmanuel so special. And I make particular mention of Mrs Hall and Miss Roscoe, who have led and inspired our staff and pupils to maintain these values and standards.

Finally I'd like to thank you, our parents, for your engagement both in the inspection process and more broadly in school life. I wish you the very best for this new academic year.

Regards,

Rob Marshall
Chair of Governors