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## Ofsted Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to attach our most recent Ofsted Report. This was a Section 5 inspection over two days with three inspectors. It was a rigorous process and I am very proud of the pupils and staff who worked incredibly hard to present our school as the special place we know it to be.

It has been 12 years since Emmanuel was last inspected, and in that time the school has undergone significant change. We have had four different Headteachers, joined and then left a soft federation with another Camden school, doubled in size, and added a successful and popular nursery.

Emmanuel's overall effectiveness was adjudged to be Good, with Outstanding grades for the school's standards of behaviour, personal development and welfare. Within an ever-shifting framework for evaluation, we are proud of this outcome, and determined to prove our excellence in the areas highlighted by the review. The inspectors expressed warm admiration for the positive attitudes of our pupils and our inclusive ethos. These judgements are a huge credit to our tireless staff, and to our joyful, enthusiastic children.

We are delighted that the Ofsted report captures our school's vision, which is to provide all our children with a happy, safe and stimulating environment in which they can fulfil their potential. Emmanuel's pupils leave with the confidence to be responsible, caring and tolerant adults in a diverse world. As the report highlights, children of all backgrounds and abilities enjoy a rich, broad and varied curriculum and gain a life-long love for learning.

We celebrate our pupils' high attainment in EYFS, Phonics, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, where they consistently achieve above national averages. We are particularly proud of the high levels of progress that children make in reading and mathematics. We know that more can be done to support children to make greater progress in writing, particularly boys. We have embraced that challenge already, and are well on our way to closing the gap.

Our next Ofsted inspection is likely to occur in three to four years although it will be on another new framework. There is currently a draft inspection framework out for consultation, which recognises the need for more emphasis on evaluating the curriculum and less on internal data. We welcome this change in focus and look forward to reading the final version of the framework later in the year.

As a school we are always striving to improve, and as such we will continue to invite a rigorous annual review through the national Challenge Partners network. We also receive regular scrutiny from the Local Authority and London Diocesan Board of Schools, all of which attest to our ambitious, high standards.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy reading this lovely report.

With best wishes,

Miss Kathryn Fitzsimmons  
Headteacher

Mr Robert Marshall  
Chair of Governors