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Dear parents and carers,

After a long wait for our Ofsted inspection, it is with enormous pleasure that I am writing to share the fantastic news that **The Laurels Primary School is now officially 'GOOD' in all areas.**

I am delighted that Ofsted has recognised the happy, proud and responsible children at our 'nurturing and caring school.' We can all be so proud of the way the children behaved, shared their work and discussed their learning throughout the inspection.

The process was very detailed and rigorous and we could not have achieved this without your ongoing support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, your fantastic children, our dedicated staff, governors and Durrington Multi-Academy Trust for their hard work and commitment which has helped to make The Laurels Primary an excellent place to achieve and succeed.

We have worked exceptionally hard to develop our well-sequenced curriculum and it is wonderful the inspectors have noted our 'teachers are well trained and have a good subject knowledge', our 'consistent approach to teaching vocabulary', and 'pupils study a range of high-quality literature.'

The report is immensely positive and highlights some of the many strengths of our school. I am particularly pleased that Ofsted has recognised the journey of continual improvements made by leaders over the last five years. Some of the key elements of the report that make me very proud include:

- There is a purposeful buzz of learning around the school.
- Leaders have high expectations of pupils regarding what they can achieve and how they should behave.
- Children get off to a flying start in the Reception year. Parents and carers are delighted with how well their child has settled in.
- Pupils build their knowledge securely from Reception through to Year 6
- Pupils benefit from the well resourced library and quickly become fluent readers
- Leaders ensure that the curriculum supports personal development well. A wide range of extra-curricular clubs are provided...these support the development of pupils' skills and talents.
- Leaders prepare pupils well for their future lives. Staff aim, through well chosen visits and visitors, to inspire pupils to know that they can achieve anything they want in life.

- Staff are proud to work at the school. They feel part of a close-knit team.

We have two areas for further development which we had already written into our School Improvement Plan before the inspection. New systems are already in place for both assessing the foundation subjects and ensuring ILP targets for children with SEND are consistently implemented across all subjects.

This is an excellent report, particularly at a time when the benchmark for 'Good' is at the highest level it has ever been. It is a fantastic achievement for all of Team Laurels and is something for us all to be hugely proud of. With your support, as always, I look forward to the school continuing to go from strength to strength. I attach a copy of the report which I hope you will read in full as it represents a school that is not only good but one that aims to strive for excellence with the children at the heart of its work.

Thank you to all of you for your ongoing support, it is always appreciated and I always feel so privileged to serve our wonderful community.

Yours sincerely,



Charlotte Bull
Headteacher

