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Dear Parents & Carers,

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Now you have had time to absorb the recent Ofsted report on our school, the Governors wanted to write to you to explain our views on the process that we have all gone through, and the school's response.

Firstly, I am obliged to say that the Governors are deeply unhappy with the process which Ofsted has applied to our inspection. While we may not be free to go into the details, you will be aware that an inspection that started in November and only delivered its final report in May is highly unusual. Those of us who were involved in the initial inspection came away very happy, but by now, I must say, have very little faith in the process and the end result. We will be writing to Ofsted shortly to express our views on their inspection process, and the impact it has had on all the staff at the school.

Nevertheless, we need to move on. Firstly, I want to explain that Mr Garratty, the senior management team of the school and the staff had already demonstrated to the Governors in the early autumn their intentions to continue to implement actions to improve the school in its quality of education, the curriculum and refreshing its community and spiritual ethos. This is within the remit of all good schools to continually reflect on their results of each year and build further on this. These aspects were indeed noted by the inspection team in November even if not reflected in the final report.

Mr Garratty and the staff will therefore be continuing their work in continual improvement, with the Governors supporting them. They will be implementing the plans they already had, and also looking into the Ofsted report for those aspects that ring true to help them further develop their school improvement plans. As governors we will also look to support and challenge these, so that by the next Ofsted report in a couple of years we will be better able to demonstrate the quality we know is inherent in the school.

Finally, I would ask you to re-read the recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report which is a glowing account of the school's vision and culture. This also reflects (as did the very strong verbal feedback of the Ofsted inspectors) the strong and supportive community in the school, pupils, staff and parents, which is the true core and spirit of Coulston C of E Primary School.

Yours on behalf of the Governors.

Darius Campbell

Chair of Governors

