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Dear Families,

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Thank you for your feedback on the Ofsted report. There have obviously been questions but also many words of support from those who realise that the report does not reflect the Coulston school we all know so well.

Ofsted make their judgements based on two days in a school (or three in our case). The original inspection team, back in November, spent time getting to know the school and talking to members of the community - this report does not reflect their feedback. We do not agree with many aspects of this final report which was written after an extremely long process, but the time has come to move on and prove them wrong.

Coulston C of E School is an amazing school with staff that have always gone above and beyond to provide the best education and opportunities for the children in their care. This school has always been a school where children grow together in mind, body and spirit to develop holistically. The school has built an incredibly strong community which is supportive and aspirational for each other.

The report does state:

- *Pupils are proud to belong to this welcoming community.*
- *They (pupils) show kindness to each other, valuing different characteristics, choices and faiths.*
- *Pupils behave well in classrooms and around the school.*
- *They (pupils) know they can talk to staff if they have any worries, and they trust adults to help them. This ensures that pupils feel safe and are kept safe at school.*
- *The school nurtures pupils' confidence and resilience.*
- *Enrichment activities provide pupils with opportunities to explore new experiences.*
- *Parents and carers are overwhelmingly positive about the school's support for their children.*

I have heard about the amazing support offered to families and the work done during the time of Covid, including live lessons, high quality provision for key worker children and emotional support for families. I also know that leaders have gone above and beyond in making sure children are able to attend our school and enjoy a broad and rich curriculum which ignites their interests, along with many other amazing opportunities to develop their talents. I know that many more families will have examples of the terrific support they have received from staff over time which has made a huge difference to their lives.





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It takes years and years of hard work to build such a strong community with the children at the heart of all a school does, and I am pleased that this was evidenced in the SIAMs report which I feel understood our school better.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the staff, parents and children, both past and present, who have made this a wonderful school where children are cherished and are encouraged to flourish in all that they do. We will continue to work together, in mind, body and spirit so that all children are able to live life to the full.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Paul Garratty

Head Teacher

