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Dear Families,

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As I am sure you are aware, we had our Ofsted inspection this week. Following a lengthy initial phone call on Monday, three inspectors visited our school on Tuesday and two on Wednesday.

Throughout the two days, the inspectors held numerous meetings with leaders to discuss different areas of the school. They also spent a considerable amount of time in classrooms, the playground and the hall, observing learning and behaviour, speaking with children and staff, governors and parents.

Although I am unable to share any results or findings at this stage, I can say that we are incredibly proud of our school, our children, our staff and our wider community, all of whom were wonderful throughout the inspection.

I know that many parents took the time to complete the parent surveys, and I would like to thank you for doing so. The responses were extremely positive, and it was truly heart-warming to hear some of the written comments when the lead inspector shared them with us. Although we can access the data and percentages relating to responses, unfortunately, we do not get to see the individual comments, which is disappointing. If you would like to share any comments or feedback directly with the school, please do send an email, and I would be delighted to share these with our staff team.

We need to comply with strict instructions post inspection, but will share the results and report with you as soon as possible. We are hopeful that this will be sometime in November - I will keep you updated.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to showing just how wonderful Coulsdon C of E is. Whether you supported the school by completing a survey, speaking with inspectors, or simply being part of our fantastic community, your contribution is greatly appreciated. We are very fortunate to have such supportive families, dedicated staff and wonderful children.

Many thanks,

Mr Paul Garratty.