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Dear Parents/ Carers,

The staff and I are excited to share with you our latest good Ofsted report, which I have attached. It is truly reflective of the significant journey we have been on over the last year. It has been a journey of positive change to make our school the best it can possibly be – and we are not done yet. We will never be done!

The full report can be found on our website, but I wanted to share some highlights with you in this letter:

- “At Wimbish Primary, a renewed ethos states that learning is for ‘all pupils, no matter what their starting points’. This commitment is clear from the opportunities that pupils have across the curriculum.”
- “Leaders with the support of the interim executive board (IEB) have been proactive in making improvements across the school. They have used every opportunity to critically review practices and routines. This has led to many changes to make sure all pupils are safe and experience a good quality of education, regardless of their needs”
- “Clear systems are in place to make sure pupils feel welcome and can make a rapid start with their learning. All pupils benefit from the shared high expectation that they can all succeed.”
- “Pupils report that their views and ideas are listened to. This is supporting pupils to have confidence in their own voice. They are assured that staff will listen to them if they have a concern.”
- “Leaders work closely with staff to ensure that the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are precisely identified and catered for. As a result, pupils with additional barriers to their learning access the full curriculum, alongside their peers.”
- “Throughout the curriculum, teachers demonstrate a secure and growing body of specialist knowledge. This is helping pupils to succeed with their learning.”
- “Leaders have considered wider opportunities that pupils need to be successful. A programme of nurture and enrichment opportunities is available for pupils. These provide targeted, extra-curricular experiences that aim to build confidence and self-esteem.”
- “There is a clear commitment to establish a permanent solution for leadership and governance in the school. Leaders, including members of the IEB, are alert to the importance of this transition. They want to ensure that improvements in the school are sustained.”

We have worked very hard throughout the year to ensure the quality of teaching and learning at Wimbish Primary School is improving and continues to improve. The school has built capacity within its staffing structures to ensure we run as smoothly, effectively, and efficiently as possible. With the support of the IEB, we have renewed our values and developed a greater sense of direction. Through the lenses of NURTURE, ENRICH and INSPIRE, the pupils of Wimbish now have a revived curriculum with enhanced experiences to support them in becoming the best they can possibly be. This philosophy has become so important to our staff as it encapsulates the ethos of our curriculum delivery. These words have now been incorporated into our school logo as a driving force to move forward.

Following advice from Ofsted, we will continue looking into further options for communication with our families and alternatives to Facebook. All official communication from the school is planned to come via email during the current time, but we continue to explore app options as a pathway forward. In addition, we continue to provide information through the Wimbish Weekly and on our school website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for lighting up the school with their smiles and enthusiasm. The staff for creating an environment where children are nurtured to develop a love of learning. The IEB, for giving us the capacity to grow and the parents of our community for their continued support.

We have welcomed new colleagues, pupils and families over the last year, and we hope for many families to join us in the near future. Please help us with a gift of growth by spreading the Wimbish word to any families moving into the area. We are extremely proud of everything that has been achieved at Wimbish.

We hope you enjoy reading our Ofsted report and join us in celebrating the achievements we have made over the last 12 months.

Kind regards

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