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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As Chair of the Academy Advisory Committee, I have great pleasure in writing to you regarding the Ofsted report that accompanies this letter. This 'Good' judgement is richly deserved; I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Austin and all of the Staff on achieving this outcome under the leadership of Mrs Bolton Executive Head Teacher. They should all be congratulated in their determination to provide the very best possible teaching and learning opportunities for all the pupils without ever losing sight of the caring and supportive ethos that makes our school's learning environment so rich. In Ofsted own words *"River Mead is a nurturing haven of aspiration. Pupils feel safe to make mistakes and are eager to learn from them. They demonstrate pride in their learning and show an appetite to learn."*

In light of historic events, this is a tremendous achievement and is one that the school community truly deserves. I am thrilled that the inspector obviously recognised the tireless hard work, commitment, dedication and diligent professionalism that occur every day in our school. It is most gratifying to read that *"Learning and aspiration are at the very heart of the school with equality of opportunity running through its veins."* and that *"pupils conduct themselves well in lessons and around the school"*.

In the Early Years *"teachers and adults know each child well", "have created safe, purposeful and vibrant areas for children to explore and learn in"* and that *"all adults have the highest of expectations for children's behaviour. Consequently, children interact well, form strong relationships and sustain interest in their learning."*

School leaders and the Academy Advisors accept Ofsted's findings and would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers who completed the Ofsted parental survey on-line, or spoke to the inspectors on the school gate; your comments were very helpful to the team.

Our 'Good' judgement will not bring a hint of complacency and our ongoing commitment and constant desire for improvement will continue, as we teach children to "dream, strive, achieve and celebrate – and to be the best that they can be".

Please feel free to contact Mrs Austin or myself via the school, if you wish to discuss any aspect of the report further.

Yours sincerely

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