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Dear Parents and Carers

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection. The full report will be published on the OFSTED website shortly and it is on our School's website now. Our school was inspected on 30th and 31st January 2024 and graded as Requires Improvement overall with Good in three areas.

There are so many strengths that have been recognised within the report and the overall grade reflects the turbulence of the past few years whilst also clearly recognising the improvement journey the school has been on over the last two years. **'Staff can see that the school is making strides forward and are proud to be part of this improving school'**.

I know that you as parents will be pleased to read that the inspectors saw happy pupils who behave well and are enjoying their learning. The family aspect of the school was seen as a real strength and pupils are safe and supported with any concern.

Ofsted recognise that leaders have addressed the core curriculum subjects, English, Phonics, Maths and Science, resulting in **'current pupils achieving more in these subjects than in recent times, including those with SEN'**.

The report also recognises improvements in behaviour and attendance and we thank you for your support in these areas:

- **'The school is calm and purposeful, with clear routines established for pupils'**
- **'Behaviour has improved markedly in recent times'**
- **'The school has improved attendance significantly this academic year'**

As a leadership team we worked with the inspection team to identify two areas for improvement:

- Ensure curriculum planning for foundation subjects is fully implemented for each year group.
- Ensure teachers use assessment effectively to move children's learning on.

These areas are already part of our school improvement plan. This year we have been supporting our teachers to develop their roles as subject leaders whilst further developing an engaging curriculum that will inspire our children to learn effectively. We are delighted that Ofsted have recognised the work that has started and have confirmed that we are moving in the right direction.



Head of School: Mrs J Bennett
Executive Headteacher: Miss C Stedman
Chair of Governors: Mr C Scott



Thank you to every member of the school team who are working tirelessly to make Barford Primary School a wonderful place for children to learn. We also want to thank you, our parents and carers, for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Carla Stedman
Executive Headteacher



Julie Bennett
Head of School



Chris Scott
Chair of Governors