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Dear Parents/Guardians,

You will recall that in October of 2018 The Duston School received a full Ofsted inspection. Following the final report being issued in November 2018 I circulated the main findings to you, highlighting the recognition given to all of the vast improvements that we have made and simultaneously signposting some of the areas that we need to continue to develop. I am delighted to share with you that Amanda Spielman, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector for Ofsted, has personally written to me about The Duston School and her views on this inspection. I would like to share the key parts of her letter with you, as follows:

'I was pleased to see that your leadership and management were judged to be good. I am delighted to read that you have set a clear and determined vision for the school. It is good to note that staff morale is positive and that staff share your aspirations for the school and for its pupils. It is reassuring that pastoral leadership is a strength of the school, as this allows pupils to learn in an environment where they feel safe and supported. Further, you have made sure that there is effective professional development for subject leaders and teachers, including those new to the profession. As a result, the quality of teaching is improving and pupils are now beginning to make more rapid progress.'

It is incredibly pleasing and humbling that we have received a letter of such positive nature from the head of Ofsted. We all, collectively, have a lot to be proud of about the school and the future direction of travel.

I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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