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Dear Parents and Carers

We have now received the final report from the school's Ofsted inspection, last month.

As you will know this was a monitoring (section 8) inspection and so it is an ungraded inspection. The report from a monitoring visit is slightly different from that of a full (section 5) inspection and comes as a letter.

In a monitoring visit, inspectors set out to essentially make one overall judgement - **are leaders addressing the right things in an effective way to ensure the school is improving?**

I am delighted that the team was able to see the impact of the work that has been going on at all levels of the organisation, since January this year and were able to cite tangible improvement in all areas that the school was asked to focus on. We were extremely pleased with the feedback we got from the lead inspector in the verbal summary at the end of day 2 - it was far more effusive than the standard language in the letter!

The report particularly notes improved standards of behaviour and says that **'Many pupils told inspectors that there has been a positive shift in the way pupils behave in school. This is because the new behaviour policy makes expectations clear'** and that **'Many staff and pupils recognise the period of positive rapid change that the school is currently going through.'**

Inspectors noted the impact of safeguarding training for staff and how this was beginning to lead better learning experiences for students - **'You have made essential improvements in safeguarding arrangements'** and **'Pupils know that they can report worries to any member of staff including issues around bullying.'** The work with our children with SEND is rapidly improving and this was also recognised in the visit; **'All pupils with an education and health and care plan (EHC plan) have had these plans reviewed. The SENCo has also secured EHC plans for pupils that need them. This team are now reviewing support plans for all pupils with SEND.'**

Although the report acknowledges good improvement and the clear ambition we have for our pupils and our shared successes **'Leaders are clearer in their ambition for the curriculum Intent'**- it also details areas of inconsistency and variability and rightly shows that we still have much work to do to ensure our school truly and consistently thrives in all areas.

In order for Ofsted to judge that the school is making progress they also take into account the likelihood of the school being 'Good' within 18-24 months of the initial inspection. This means that based on what the team experienced and evidence they saw they were satisfied that Test Valley is on track to be a good school.

I am extremely proud of the hard work of staff, pupils and the support you have offered us in the work we have done so far. **I am lucky to work with such a dedicated team and community alongside our partnerships with HISP and Hampshire. Our academisation in September will allow our school to**

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**build on what has already been achieved to ensure Test Valley provides excellence for all.** Be assured that we will continue to work hard to ensure Test Valley School goes from strength to strength.

The full report can be found and will be published on the Ofsted website in the coming days.

Thank you for your ongoing support in working with us to achieve the very best for our pupils.

Yours faithfully

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