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Dear Parent/Carer

### Ofsted Report

I would like to inform you that the final Ofsted inspection report from our two-day section 8 inspection on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 is available to view on our website.

The purpose of a section 8 inspection is to gauge whether a school continues to be 'good' as indicated in our previous report in June 2016, or to ascertain whether there is evidence to suggest a school is above or below its original grading. The report will also be published on the official Ofsted report website.

I am pleased that Ferndown First School continues to be a 'good' school.

Particular strengths from the report include:

- ✓ Pupils enjoy school.
- ✓ Pupils are kind and courteous and show good conduct around the school.
- ✓ There are lots of opportunities for pupils to shine personally.
- ✓ Pupils and staff build great relationships and staff provide caring support.
- ✓ Pupils learn the school's high expectations from the start.
- ✓ The curriculum is ambitious and includes the most important content.
- ✓ Pupils' reading, writing and maths achievement is rising markedly.
- ✓ The early reading curriculum is effective.
- ✓ Equality and diversity is threaded through the curriculum. Pupils are inclusive.

The report itself highlights the many elements of effective provision at Ferndown First School and recognises the impact that recent school improvement has had on pupils' outcomes.

I am delighted that the hard work undertaken by the staff at Ferndown First School has been recognised. The children were a credit to the school during the inspection and spoke positively about their time at school.

Thank you to parents that completed the online survey. I am particularly pleased that almost all parents would recommend our school and that communication is a strength.

I am reassured that the next steps identified were already within our school development plan prior to this inspection and the associated adaptations are already being implemented.

Please take the time to read the inspection report in full as it evidences that the school is not only good but one that continuously strives to improve and excel.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sean Watts - Headteacher