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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we were inspected under the new full Ofsted framework on 2nd and 3rd June. I am writing to share my reflections on the report and to thank you for your continued support.

The report is overwhelmingly positive and we are extremely proud of some of the judgements and comments we received. In particular, the 'strong' standards in 'inclusion', 'attainment' and 'personal development and wellbeing' reflect the dedication of our staff, the hard work of our pupils and the support of our families. The report also recognises the positive impact of the school's growth and our new leadership structure, something we have worked hard to implement thoughtfully and sustainably.

As the report highlights, the leadership team at Frieth has high aspirations for the school. With that in mind, I will not hide our disappointment that some areas were judged at the 'expected' level rather than 'strong' level. However, it is important to understand the grading system used under the new inspection framework and context. The shift from a 'best fit' to a 'secure fit' model means that every single aspect must be met consistently to achieve a higher judgement and, as we were told during the inspection, there is a 'high bar' for the 'expected' level. As a result, an 'expected' judgement in one school may look very different from another. I therefore strongly encourage you to read the full report rather than focusing solely on the grading.

Like all schools, we have areas to continue developing. Consistency in handwriting is one of these and we are already taking steps to strengthen this further. It was also unfortunate that the inspector arrived on the first day of a supply teacher covering Early Years, which had a significant impact on the judgement. We are currently in a transitional phase with temporary arrangements for this half term. During the inspection, the inspector acknowledged that the grade would likely have been different had the visit taken place just before half term, and they also recognised the strong plans already in place for our new Early Years leader starting in September.

These circumstances also had a knock-on effect on the grading of other areas, including 'curriculum and teaching', 'attendance and behaviour', and 'leadership and governance'. Nevertheless, the leadership team remains excited about the future and already has plans in place to address all areas for development. We are ambitious and targeted in our approach, aiming to secure 'strong' standards across all areas and to push into 'exceptional' where possible.

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For those of you who attended Sports Day on Friday, or any of the many events we hold throughout the year, you will know that our school community is thriving. Our predicted Year 6 SATs results are set to place us among the top schools nationally and these academic outcomes speak for themselves.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. As always, we remain committed to providing the very best for every child at Frieth.

Yours faithfully,



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