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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your overwhelming support and kind words over this period of our first Ofsted inspection. The response to the Ofsted Pupil Survey and Parent View was remarkable, a sentiment that was shared by the inspectors. Many parents who responded to the online survey have expressed that, *"Leaders and staff are friendly and helpful"*.

Thank you for your time and for expressing your personal opinions; the fundamental purpose being, to convey freely and without reservations, on how you all truly feel about Wixams Tree Primary. I am humbled to say that, in the main, the children, parents and staff feel that this is a school that aims to give the very best to what lies at the core of all we do, and that is the children.

I am extremely honoured to say that the ethos of the school shone through and the children's willingness to share their own thoughts, was noted.

The inspectors observed and remarked that the *"Pupils and staff embody Wixams Tree Primary School's motto, be kind, be kind, be kind"* and that the *"Pupils behave well and work hard to achieve the rainbow rewards. They take pride in receiving the special certificates."* As an expanding school, our new children feel welcomed and are happy in their new school. Pupils feel listened to and safe in school and know that *"staff aim to help them achieve their best"*.

Our staff are *"keen and kind"* this helps the early years children settle quickly. The activities are closely matched to their needs, especially in Reception and *"these inspire and challenge children to do well"*.

The school works closely with staff, parents and external agencies to identify pupils with special educational and/or disabilities needs and *"arrange timely support; the pupils do well"*.

Inspectors did, however, identify a concern with the early years reading, phonics programme. The school, until recently, has been using the letters and sounds programme and we are currently in transition to using a new DfE validated programme. The Inspectors did not obtain sufficient reassurance and subsequently, this issue alone has led the Inspectors to reach the decision that the school 'Requires Improvement'. However, the Inspectors did recognise that pupils were able to read effectively and were able to access the curriculum.

**This inspection does not reflect Wixams Tree Primary School**, our sole commitment has always been to grow this school with dedication, determination, and devotion. We have watched this school grow with that very same spirit and will continue to do so. I am proud of all it has achieved in such a short time, and it is a privilege and an honour to be part of Wixams Tree Primary.

We will be doing all we can to ensure the issues raised are dealt with swiftly for the benefit of our young students. Please feel free to contact us if you have any specific concerns.

Yours faithfully

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