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Dear Parents

The recent Ofsted was the first inspection for the pre-school under the supervision of the school. Although the overall judgement for the school was 'good', an outcome of which we are very proud, the separate judgement for Early Years was 'requires improvement'. The report and the verbal feedback from the inspector and HMI inspector during the inspection itself more specifically identified the areas needing improvement as those associated with aspects of pre-school itself. The work of the Reception class was deemed as 'good', although this can't be shown in the reporting system.

Obviously we are disappointed with the specific outcome associated with the pre-school provision, and we feel that it doesn't give the overall picture of children who are generally very happy with the setting which prepares them well for life in the Reception class and beyond.

The report specifically mentions many strengths including:

'Adults make sure that children are safe and receive good care and support.'

'Good use is made of the learning environment'

'Children behave well in the early years and are supported effectively by staff so they quickly settle and become familiar with routines. They respond to adults positively and readily get involved in activities.'

The areas for development are specifically concerning the use of the tracking system to effectively assess and tailor provision for each individual's needs. Progress has been made with this over the course of the year and I know that you have been receiving updates through the 2-Simple Early Years Profiles.

We are continuing to develop how we use this assessment and reporting software with the staff, children, parents and governors of pre-school. I am sure that over the next half term and beyond you will continue to see the developments with its use as it further informs our provision.

Our aim is simple-to make the pre-school provision the highest possible standard that we can as quickly as we can, using the expertise and dedication of our staff to enable each and every individual to flourish.

We look forward to sharing the on-going developments with you over the coming weeks.

If you would like to discuss any matters then please do contact me.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Massey



'Preparing today's children for tomorrow's challenges.'

