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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: OFSTED INSPECTION REPORT

I am writing to inform you that, further to our recent short inspection by Ofsted, the inspection report is now available for you to read on the school website – www.parksideacademy.co.uk. If you would like a paper copy of the report, please ask at Reception in school.

As you will see from the report, Parkside Primary Academy continues to be a good school, with many areas being identified as 'strong' and 'effective'. The inspector was particularly impressed by the excellent behaviour of the children, their 'positive attitudes to learning and high levels of resilience', as well as Parkside's caring environment. Also singled out for praise was the quality of teaching – 'You make it clear that anything less than effective teaching is not acceptable' and the high expectations we have of what pupils can achieve.

The inspector was also impressed with the strong culture of safeguarding across the school and that pupils understood how to keep themselves safe. The parents' praise for the work that school does to support families was highlighted and the inspector had informal conversations with parents who they found to be very supportive of the Academy. We would like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to complete the survey on Parent View as well as those who spoke to the inspector.

We are proud that the inspector has recognised our strong end of Key Stage 2 outcomes and the rapid progress that our children make by the end of Year 6, ensuring that our results have been above the national average for the last three years. We know how hard our pupils, teachers and parents work to ensure our children are the best they can be.

I am very pleased that Ofsted have recognised the very good work that goes on here at Parkside and the excellent education that our children receive. We are already working on the next steps for the school so we can continuously improve and build still further on our current achievements.

If you would like to discuss the Ofsted report further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Ms Rachel Ward
Headteacher

