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Dear Parent/Carers

As you will be aware, we had a 2 day Ofsted inspection on the 27th and 28th of February 2018. This was expected as the cycle for inspections is approximately every 3 – 5 years. The full inspection report is now on the school website and on the Ofsted website. If you require a copy, our office team will be happy to photocopy the report for you.

Highlights from the report include;

- The behaviour of pupils is outstanding. Pupils' conduct around school is exceptional. They show kindness, respect and consideration to one another and to all adults
- Pupils are proud of their school and its values and regard themselves as members of a 'large and caring family'
- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff rigorously follow the agreed procedure and ensure the safety of pupils
- Attainment at the end of key stage 2 is rising... in 2017, standards rose to be above National Average and met the government floor standard)
- The teaching of phonics is a strength
- The curriculum is broad and balanced and has contributed to pupils' good achievement in the early years and key stage 1
- Leaders, governors and all staff give high priority to care and attention they provide to all pupils
- Early Years – Strong leadership is ensuring that children, from their different starting points,
 - make good progress in all areas of their learning
- Early Years – Staff have the highest expectations of behaviour and make time to praise children for their conduct and relationships
- Pupils' attendance is above average and persistent absence has been significantly reduced in the current academic year

The school received a '**requires improvement**' judgement overall. Whilst this is a lower judgement than our previous inspection, a contributing factor to this current outcome is linked to our recent transition from a Lower School to a Primary School and leaders acknowledge this.



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At the end of 2016/17 our Year 6 children met the DFE 'Floor Standards' for both attainment and progress. However, our progress was below the National Average. The Governors and Leadership Team had already identified this as a key priority on the School Development Plan. During the inspection, Key Stage 2 progress was a 'Key line of enquiry'.

Ofsted confirmed 'The headteacher, senior leaders and governors have a clear view of the overall strengths and weaknesses of the school, including those found in pupil progress. The school improvement plan identifies key areas for improvement and leaders look at the impact of their work accurately.'

In summary, to address the recommendations of Ofsted we will continue to focus on improving progress outcomes at the end of key stage 2, improving assessment procedures and the approach to which we monitor teaching. This is one of our key priorities on the school development plan.

As a school, we will continue to work with enthusiasm, drive and commitment, to improve progress outcomes for all of our children. We will continue to ensure our school provides an environment for children where they feel safe and secure so they continue to feel part of the 'caring family' that they, and their families, currently feel at Ashton St Peter's.

Yours faithfully

Shirley McGinty
Headteacher



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