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Dear Parents and Carers,

HMI Visit

I am delighted to share some very positive feedback following a recent external review visit to Ripley Endowed CE Primary School, carried out by educational consultant and HMI as part of our preparations for future inspection.

The review recognised Ripley as a highly effective school, highlighting our strong culture of inclusion, safeguarding, leadership, curriculum development and commitment to ensuring every child is known, valued and supported. In particular, the report praised the school's inclusive ethos, high expectations for all pupils, strong relationships with families and our determination to remove barriers so that every child can thrive.

The school's clear vision and values was praised, the quality of care provided for children with additional needs, the positive impact of our work on oracy and communication, and the growing reputation of the school within the local community. He also recognised the dedication of staff and the strength of the partnership across the RBK Federation.

The report reflects the tremendous progress that has been made over recent years, since previous inspection (which for those who are new, went from 'Inadequate' to 'Good' in all areas in 18 months) and acknowledges the positive culture that continues to exist throughout our school and wider. This includes the work we share wider: local, national and international schools and how leadership regularly contributes to the work of educational boards, practice and documentation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your ongoing support, trust and partnership. Schools thrive when families and staff work together, and the positive experience our children enjoy each day is only possible because of the strong relationships we have with our community. Your support for learning, attendance, school events and the wider life of the school makes a significant difference.

We are incredibly proud of our children, whose enthusiasm, kindness and commitment to learning are at the heart of everything we do. Together, we will continue to build on these strengths and ensure that Ripley remains a school where every child can flourish - Growing together, Guided by Love.

Thank you for your continued support and have a super weekend!

Warmest Regards

Miss V Kirkman
Executive Headteacher