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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: School Health Check

I am writing to inform you that on Tuesday 22nd May 2018, our school underwent a formal School Health Check carried out by two inspectors from Durham Local Authority. The purpose of a Health Check is to ensure outstanding schools are maintaining their standards and are continuing to improve.

I am delighted that we have just received an amazing report from the inspectors who have confirmed that our school continues to deliver teaching and learning of the highest standard. Below I have detailed some of their comments and observations:

- Staff have positive and meaningful relationships with all children
- Lessons were imaginative, exciting and engaging with all pupils making progress
- Staff demonstrated consistent high expectations and standards
- Staff promoted independence and resilience in children
- Children with special educational needs were very well catered for
- An exciting, challenging and broad curriculum was delivered
- Behaviour was outstanding throughout the school and reinforced by all members of the team

The inspectors were particularly impressed with our safeguarding policies and procedures and felt that we provided a safe and nurturing environment where disputes were resolved effectively.

The inspectors also met with a selection of children from Key Stage One and Key Stage Two in order to obtain pupil views of the school. The feedback was as follows:

- Children really value their school and feel it is a special place
- Children thought teachers respected them and trusted them
- All staff were helpful and supportive
- Children were able to read and discuss books they liked
- Children were very positive about the new handwriting and spelling strategies used in school

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- They felt that behaviour was well managed and that staff treated everyone fairly

As you can imagine, I am inordinately proud of the children for representing their school in such a positive manner.

The Health Check reassures us (and you) that our school is a fantastic place to learn and I am sure you will join me in congratulating our outstanding staff team who work tirelessly and always have the children's interest at the heart of everything they do.

An organisation such as our school succeeds because of the people who affect it and that includes: our governors, staff, children, parents and our wider school community. This is our 6th Year of being recognised as an 'outstanding' school and I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support.

It has been a long and busy year and we still have a great deal to look forward to before we break up in July but this is a fantastic way to end the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a lovely summer break and look forward to the start of the next academic year in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Myers
Head Teacher