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Dear Parents

## **Re: Ofsted Inspection (4th and 5th December 2019)**

We have now received the final report from Ofsted following our Inspection from the 4th to the 5th December 2019. The report is enclosed and it will be published on the Ofsted website and our school website in due course.

Staff at Speenhamland have worked hard to improve our pupils' school experience over the past three years and Inspectors recognised this. They acknowledge that Speenhamland is on a journey of improvement and found many positive strengths within the school. Therefore, we are disappointed and dissatisfied with the final outcome judgement given to the school and feel it does not accurately represent our current situation, as such, we are continuing to talk to Ofsted to challenge the judgement.

The Inspectors acknowledged that the Quality of Teaching and Learning within Maths and Reading (including Phonics) has improved as a result of investing in staff training, prioritising these areas and ensuring that learning is well sequenced.

Further highlights from the report include:

- "Pupils are proud to attend Speenhamland and relationships between staff and pupils are good".
- "The school plans for a wide range out of school visits and visitors to the school, which the pupils enjoy".
- "Reading is prioritised across the school and the teaching of Phonics is effective".
- "PE is planned to ensure systematic mapping and progression of skills".
- "Pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or disability receive appropriate support".
- "Staff are proud to be a part of the 'Speenhamland Community'".

The Governors and Staff are committed to providing the very best education for the children at Speenhamland School. We are looking forward to continuing to work with you to make the school an even better place, where we celebrate achievement and success.

In order for staff to continue to develop the wider curriculum across the school, the Governors have approved an additional Inset afternoon. This will be on the afternoon of Thursday 13 February prior to the INSET of the 14 February which has already been advertised.

I look forward to sharing further exciting news with regards to our school site later this week.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs E Parish**  
**Associate Headteacher**