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Dear Parents/Carers,

Dear Parents and Guardians.

I am writing to you to share the report of the section 5 OFSTED inspection of Broomfield School between 28th and 29th June 2022, which we have sent home.

The report highlights areas of significant strength across the school, but also recognises that, like all schools across the country, it has had to contend with the lasting effects of the pandemic and the continued challenges that it has brought. These difficulties have been further compounded by significant upheaval in the way of changes to the senior leadership team and the governing body since the last inspection. The report writes ***“There has been significant turbulence in leadership since the last inspection.”*** The report continues to identify that ***“The new headteacher is rapidly bringing much-needed stability. Leaders know that there is work to do to ensure all pupils receive the very best opportunity to do well. New leaders are taking the right steps to bring this about.”***

These aforementioned issues combined have left the school not consistently performing to the highest standards it has always prided itself on and is committed to rapidly returning to. As such, myself, the Governing Body and the Headteacher, Mrs. Sharp would like to address the areas within the report identified as needing improvement and how we intend, and have already begun, correcting them.

- Subject leads monitoring the curriculum – The report identifies that ***“Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum for all pupils.”*** ***“Subject leaders have identified the important knowledge that they want pupils to know and remember.”*** Whilst we are pleased that the inspection identified the ambitious curriculum set out for all pupils to follow and achieve their very best, we are conscious that it may not always have been taught in the most effective sequencing for the pupils. Changes to some of the platforms used to support areas of the curriculum, such as the phonics scheme have already been identified, replaced and implemented this term to enable improved understanding by the pupils and to help boost their achievement levels.
- ***Adults’ expectations of what pupils can achieve are not high enough. There is not a consistent approach to how well pupils have learned the curriculum over time.*** This is already being addressed. We have produced progression documents for every subject which outline key knowledge all children should learn in each year group, ensuring aspirational targets for all children are set. These will soon be on the school website for you to view. We are standardising processes and are looking at our end of unit assessments to ensure we have a clear view of the attainment of each child.



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- SEND support plans – Due to staffing issues which arose last year, not enough progress has been made to ensure some SEND plans contained sufficiently detailed information. The school is now back up to full capacity for managing our SEND provision and has been working hard to ensure that all SEND plans are appropriately thorough. Staff can then ensure things are put in place to support children in lessons. We are confident this will help ensure SEND pupils make significant progress throughout their time at Broomfield School.
- Safeguarding records – We are pleased that the inspection team agreed with us that ***“The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.”*** That said, we acknowledge that under previous management, there were some records kept without enough detailed information and this again has been addressed immediately to ensure all staff are trained and fully aware of the correct process for documenting safeguarding concerns. Regular checks are now conducted by the Senior Leadership Team to ensure standards are upheld.

The above bullet points, along with other areas identified by school are part of the school development plan which we are working towards throughout the year.

The Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team of Broomfield School would like to thank the OFSTED inspectors for their visit and welcome them to return for an early re-inspection. We are wholeheartedly assured that they will be welcomed into a rapidly improving school upon reinspection and will be reassured with the improvements made. Our complete expectation is that the school will be reinspected to at least a *“good”* standard but are always striving for more. Our intention is that each and every child finish Broomfield School ready for their next journey and as the best version of themselves possible.

Whilst we fully accept there is still significant amounts of work to do, the inspection team were extremely complimentary about the start that Mrs. Sharp has made in her first 8 weeks in the school, especially by already identifying and planning for correction of the areas subsequently identified in this report. Unfortunately, the inspection came before many of these areas could be suitably addressed and plans put into action and embedded throughout the school. The Summer has given time to address many of them and I am confident the pupils will quickly begin to reap the rewards of these improvements.

We are pleased that the inspection team found that ***“Pupils behave well in school”*** and that ***“Leaders have worked hard to develop pupils’ character, resilience and confidence. This helps pupils to lead happy, healthy lives and be responsible citizens.”***

We are also particularly buoyed by the hugely positive parent, staff and pupil feedback that the inspection team received. The inspectors commented on the impressive drive that the staff have to work as a team to improve standards, challenge each and every pupil and



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expect more. I think it is safe to say that they witnessed the community feel of the school and understood the engrained values of the Broomfield School Family.

If you would like to discuss any element of the report, or have any questions, please get in touch with myself on the details below, or Mrs. Sharp at school.

Yours Sincerely

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