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Dear Parents/Carers,

Billingshurst Primary School is a Good School!

I am delighted to share with you the final report from Ofsted following the inspection in December 2015. We are extremely pleased that the inspectors have confirmed an overall effectiveness of **Good** with a rating of Good for each of the five categories:

Effectiveness of leadership and management; **Good**
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment; **Good**
Personal development, **Good**
Behaviour and welfare; **Good**
Outcomes for pupils; **Good**
Early Years provision; **Good**

It is clear from the report and from verbal feedback from the inspectors that the school is securely good; the summary as to 'why the school is not yet outstanding' shows that we are not at all far from this ultimate goal. This is a significant achievement as few schools make the leap from inadequate to good and even fewer secure this improvement so strongly.

It was my intention to include here some highlights but, as you'll see when reading it for yourself, the report is so full of positive attainment and cause for celebration that it is difficult to isolate particular aspects.

At our parent/carer meetings following the previous inspection we shared with you our promise to achieve a rating of 'Good' within the 18 months, and that a typical progression from category 4 to 3 (Requires Improvement) was not going to be acceptable to us. We always knew that this would be a challenge, as indeed it has been at times, but one of the strengths of Billingshurst Primary School is that such challenge is embraced, having the children at the heart of our vision and decision making.

This extraordinary achievement is only possible with the strong leadership and exceedingly high levels of dedication and commitment from each and every member of staff at Billingshurst Primary School. I am pleased to note that the ambition for continual improvement, enthusiasm and effectiveness of leaders and high expectation of staff have been acknowledged in this report. I would like to express my sincere thanks and congratulations to both Miss Williamson and the entire staff. Our children also deserve praise and thanks for their continued hard work, attitude and behaviour – they are a credit to us all.

However, we still have a journey ahead of us. When the school opened in 2010 we shared with you our vision for an 'Outstanding' school for this community and, further motivated by this recent achievement, we are determined to realise our vision. So whilst we celebrate and enjoy the rewards of our hard work, the leadership team have already identified, and are addressing, our actions for improvement.

I hope that you enjoy reading the report and I thank you for the support you have given the school during this time and look forward to your continued support as we progress towards being 'Outstanding'.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Sutton
Chair of Governors

