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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our recent inspection, I am delighted to enclose our Ofsted Report which informs you that Ouston Primary is a **GOOD** school, with all areas graded as 'good'.

Our school has had a very busy time since its official opening in January 2014 (I can't believe it's been less than 4 years!) and this Ofsted report is a fantastic recognition of the hard work and commitment of all of our school community in working through the challenges of an amalgamation and building a strong, happy and successful Primary School. This is an excellent achievement for all of our children, staff and governors and I am extremely proud of everyone.

Thank you to parents/carers that took the time to complete the Parent View questionnaires and to speak to inspectors at the beginning and end of the school day. Your support for our school came across very strongly and we are so pleased about this, as working effectively with parents/carers is a fundamental aspect of our work and contributes greatly to the success of our school.

In addition to academic success, it is great to see that our school values, ethos and community spirit are also strongly reflected in the report. As you are aware, we are passionate about educating the 'whole child' and ensuring that we provide pupils with a wide range of experiences and opportunities, give them a range of responsibilities and teach them about valuing and respecting others. Above all, we want them to really enjoy coming to school as we know that when pupils feel happy, safe and cared for, they do well both academically and socially. Our pupils were fantastic during the inspection; they carried on as usual and chatted happily, enthusiastically and confidently to inspectors about a wide range of subjects. Here are some highlights from the report which all our pupils and parents/carers should feel very proud of:

**'Pupils show highly positive attitudes and a keenness for learning'**

**'Pupils mix happily and are respectful and considerate of one another at social times'**

**'Pupils talk maturely and in a well-informed way about British values, rights and responsibilities, and how to keep themselves safe'**

**'Pupils are proud of their school and the very positive relationships they have with the staff'**

We will build on the success of this report, addressing any areas that require further development and, working in partnership with parents/carers, ensure that our lovely school continues to go from strength to strength. The report will be published on the OFSTED website next week and we will provide a link to this from our website too. If you have any questions regarding the report, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Lavelle, Headteacher