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Dear Parents/Carers,

On 14/15 January 2020, we had an Ofsted Inspection. Attached to this letter is a copy of the inspection report. I would like to thank staff, parents, governors and particularly the children for the hard work and commitment they showed over those two days.

Whilst the overall judgement is disappointing, the report highlights many strengths of our school. I was particularly pleased to read about: the good behaviour and happiness of our pupils; our effective safeguarding systems; our curriculum design; what the school does to help children develop personally and the welcome that our school gives. We have worked hard on these. Ofsted made the following comments which very much support what we want Manor Beach to be like for our children and their parents or carers.

“The school is a welcoming place. Parents and carers told us that teachers and staff are approachable and friendly”.

“Pupils are happy and behaviour around the school is good”.

“Pupils understand that everyone is unique. That it’s ‘okay to be different’”.

“Leaders provide a wide range of activities to help pupils develop personally”.

“Leaders have planned a structured curriculum”.

I find it reassuring that the areas identified as needing improvement come as no surprise. They are things that we are already working on. Our current school improvement plans are already addressing the areas mentioned in the report. We have seen improvements in results over the last 3 years but we have made quite significant changes this year to increase the rates of progress. At the feedback meeting, the Lead Inspector was confident that the strategies identified would raise standards further and secure the improvements we seek. The focus on phonics and reading will continue. The timing of this inspection in many ways was just too soon to see the impact of the significant changes already made.

You can be assured that all the staff are committed to continuing the drive to be the best we can be and to make the necessary improvements. I do not see any reason why we would not be graded as ‘Good’ again at the next inspection. I will of course give you regular updates on our progress with our action plans. I look forward to working with you to ensure that we make the improvements necessary.

If you have any queries or concerns you would like to discuss with me then please call in at the School Office to arrange a time to chat.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jane Mason
Headteacher

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