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Dear parents and carers,

We have now received the final copy of our Ofsted report following the inspection on the 22nd and 23rd November 2022.

We are delighted to share that the inspectors have judged the school as 'good' overall with 'outstanding' in three areas under the new, more rigorous framework. The report as you may notice is more streamlined than previous inspections.

The inspection was very thorough over the course of two days. There were two inspectors who looked at all aspects of the school including: safeguarding; questioning; and gathering evidence from the Headteacher, Mrs Dynan our senior teacher/SENco, governors and subject leaders (deep dives); lesson observations; monitoring learning; parent and pupil meetings and the surveys (staff, pupil and parents).

Inspectors recognised that 'from the minute they join, pupils thrive in a caring environment'. This is part of our overall mission. They were able to see how staff and children cared and supported each other well. Inspectors described the behaviour as 'exemplary' throughout the inspection and we are glad it was noted on the report.

Inspectors also recognised how leaders, governors and every member of staff have ambitious aspirations for the children and do all they can to ensure the children become the very best they can be.

As you are aware, we have ensured that reading is a high priority at Puttenham. They were able to see the phonics lessons and read with selected children. They also spoke to some of the children about reading in school. It was lovely to hear how much they enjoyed their phonic sessions, the 'favourite five' books and the 'Open the Book' assemblies.

We are very proud of our 'outstanding' status in behaviour and attitudes and personal development. The inspectors recognised that the school values underpin many aspects of our school life. They were very impressed at how nurturing and kind the staff and children are. As you are no doubt aware, we are committed to ensuring the learning is extended beyond the classroom and the school has ensured we provide quality enrichment activities, gardening projects and mental health and well-being strategies.

We are particularly delighted with our 'outstanding' status in Early Years. The staff are committed to

ensuring the very best curriculum and environment is provided for the children to make the very best start to their education.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff, governors and parents for all your support. The staff and governors have worked tirelessly to ensure the new curriculum expectations are of high quality and going forward we will continue building on this excellent foundation to embed the curriculum in all subjects.

I have attached a copy of the Ofsted report for your perusal and we would welcome any feedback you may have on the contents.

Thank you all once again.

Sallie Barker
Chair of Governors

Anna De Filippis
Headteacher

