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Dear Parents,

Very **'GOOD'** News!!!

I am delighted to inform you that we have received the Ofsted Report from our recent inspection which judges our school to be **'GOOD'** in all areas. A team of two inspectors carried out the two day inspection with one of Her Majesty's Inspectors accompanying them on the first day.

Inspectors examined all aspects of the school, with a high emphasis on observing lessons, examining work in children's books and speaking to children formally and informally in lessons and at social times to find out what 'typical' learning is like for pupils at Almond Hill. They also interviewed teachers and subject leaders, senior leaders and governors as well as examining a wide range of documentation to inspect how improvement is driven forward at the school.

Our report from the Ofsted team reflects many of the **'good'** aspects of the school, and I am particularly pleased inspectors have recognised the determination of all staff, pupils and governors to put into place improvements from our last inspection and the 'excellent teamwork' that underpins all aspects of our work.

During the inspection it was strikingly evident how determined pupils were to show their pride in our school and their achievements and I was extremely proud to share with inspectors their strong involvement in all aspects of school improvement.

Finally, I am also extremely pleased the inspectors recognised the support parents give to our school and wish to say a big 'thank you' to the large number of you who completed the online survey and/or provided comments to the inspectors.

We plan to allow ourselves to have a little relaxation over the Easter break but will also be starting to address the two key issues identified by the inspectors to improve further and move from **'good'** to 'outstanding'. Once our plans are in place we will invite parents to a meeting to share them with you.

You can see the full report on our school website (under the tab 'Our School') and it will also be available on the Ofsted website (this should be by the weekend but might not be until next Tuesday because of Easter). If you would like to have a paper copy of the report, please ask at the school office.

I hope you all enjoy the Easter weekend and remind you we are back for 4 days next week before the Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Lovelock
Head Teacher