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Dear Parents/Carers,

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As you will be aware, Lea Endowed was subject to an inspection by Her Majesty's Inspector of schools on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March 2017.

The report is published today and we feel it is important to write to you to discuss the judgments made. The full and final report is now available to view via the link on our website and will also be available to view on the official Ofsted website on Wednesday 22nd March. Please contact the school office if you require a paper copy. The headline judgment is that the school "requires improvement" and this will be our continuing focus in the coming months. There is no doubt that this is a disappointing outcome for our school which we maintain is a wonderful, inspiring and safe place for your children to learn and grow.

I am delighted to report that the HMI judged our Safeguarding arrangements to be "effective and strong". The report also highlighted many other areas of strength in our school. Below are some of those comments:

- "Pupils are confident and self-disciplined". They "feel safe, enjoy school and are listened to".
- "Children and pupils are developing a clear understanding of the Christian faith. They respect that other people may hold different views to themselves. Pupils care about one another and their school."
- "Support within classes for pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities is helping pupils to learn successfully."
- "Pupils are becoming skilled, enthusiastic readers. The teaching of phonics in the school has also improved well."
- "Across classes, pupils develop strong skills in teamwork, collaboration and independence that will assist them in their later learning at secondary school."
- "The new headteacher makes sure the quality of care and protection for pupils is high."
- "Children in the early years at the school have a good start to their education. They develop much confidence, enthusiasm for learning and skills in reading, writing and problem solving. Children learn quickly to behave and help one another to learn."
- Pupils have "positive attitudes to school" and are "keen to learn".
- "Pupils now express their ideas more fully and skilfully when writing for different audiences in their English work."
- Pupils "enjoy the many opportunities for learning in the school's well-developed outdoor area".
- "Staff make it a priority to encourage pupils and to help them to feel positive about themselves and their lives. As a result, pupils have good self-awareness."

Some of the things we need to address in order to improve are:

- Secure consistently good teaching to make sure all pupils, including the most able, achieve as much as they should, especially in Maths.
- Work on our wider Science and Geography curriculum.
- Add some fine detail to our website.
- Further develop pupils' understanding of other culture and faiths.
- Make sure all pupils use grammar and punctuation confidently and accurately in their work.

We now have twelve months before an HMI monitoring visit to check progress towards the key targets identified, and two years at most before another full inspection.

As we move forward from this inspection these steps will enable us to be a stronger and even better school as a result. I will keep you informed of progress towards addressing the areas identified for improvement over the coming months.

As always at Lea Endowed we will address this challenge together as a school family and continue to Let Everyone Shine.

If you have any concerns regarding the outcome of the inspection, or details within the report, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher using the normal procedures.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of all the staff and governors