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Ofsted Outcome – February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will remember, we were inspected by Ofsted at the beginning of February 2022 and I am writing to inform you that the report has now been finalised and I can share it with you all. Ofsted will publish it on their website within the next 8 working days.

Previously, the school was graded as Requires Improvement across all areas (2018). I am delighted to share that in our latest inspection we were graded as a GOOD school – with all 5 areas being graded as GOOD.

The inspectors report on many strengths including:

- Pupils follow a broad and interesting curriculum. They are enthusiastic learners.
- Pupils are courteous and polite. They are interested in sharing their learning experiences with visitors and are keen to chat. Pupils behave well in class and around the school.
- Leaders are ambitious for all pupils to be confident readers. Pupils who need extra help with their reading are supported by skilled staff.
- Teachers plan lessons that interest pupils. As a result, pupils enjoy learning.
- Support for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), including those with speech and language needs, is a strength.
- Leaders place great value on pupils' personal development.
- There is a strong culture of safeguarding in the school.

It is the first time the school has been judged as 'Good' since 2002 – 20 years ago! And since the school's last inspection, Ofsted has adjusted its framework to make achieving a 'good' rating significantly more challenging. To have achieved such a positive grade in all areas is something that we are all truly proud of and will celebrate!

We know our hard work doesn't stop here. We have already started work on the recommendations made by Ofsted and areas of improvement we have identified ourselves. Our journey is of continual improvement, so everyone at Cherry Tree remains committed to making our school the best it can be. I have no doubt that we will continue to develop and grow from strength to strength.

I would like to thank all of our staff, pupils and their families for making Cherry Tree Academy a great place for all to learn and thrive.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C Newley
Headteacher

