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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted that we are able to share the outcome from our recent Ofsted inspection. Our school, which was previously judged as 'Good' is now considered to be '**Outstanding**' in all categories and Ofsted has affirmed that there is an exceptional quality of education provided for children at The Annunciation Junior School. This represents an amazing achievement for our school.

The inspection took place on the 17th and 18th of October with two inspectors in attendance. They observed all aspects of school life, including the children's lessons, lunch times and playtimes. The report highlights the manner by which the inspectors reached their decisions. Mr McCreadie and I were able to observe discussions between the inspectors, which consistently reflected how deeply impressed they were with their findings within the school.

I include the following extracts from the report which confirms what we believe about our school:

Pupils' behaviour is excellent. This is because there is a very strong culture of praise.

Staff have extremely high expectations of pupils to be the best they can be.

Pupils learn a broad and ambitious curriculum. They work very hard and produce work of good quality in different subjects. This ensures that they are well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Pupils' attitudes to their learning are consistently positive.

Pupils' personal development is of very high quality

You will read in the report that the quality of education was inspected through 'Deep Dives' in specific subjects, which entails looking closely at the planned learning and



delivery of a subject across the whole school. Several other subjects were scrutinised as well by comparing their planning and leadership to ensure the overview and intent was equal in quality to those subjects which had deep dives. Inspectors met with subject leaders including Mrs Griffin, Mrs Stanley, Miss O'Hare and Miss Brennan to discuss the curriculum and provision for learning. They also observed lessons, looked at children's work and spoke with both teachers and pupils. I would like to thank all the subject leaders who have worked so hard to provide our children with a vibrant, diverse and challenging curriculum which enriches their learning.

Inspectors met with a range of pupils from all year groups and observed them throughout the day. It was their view that children feel safe and lunchtimes and playtimes are a happy experience, during which pupils have access to a variety of activities. Children's behaviour is excellent and the Inspectors commented that it was a pleasure speaking with them.

They also considered feedback from staff and parent questionnaires, thank you for taking the time to respond.

I am sure you will join me in thanking our dedicated staff team, past and present. This report reflects the work that has taken place over a long period of time and the exceptional dedication, care and talent of many colleagues. A very special acknowledgement and thanks must be given to Mrs Minihan who worked tirelessly towards this outcome before retiring recently.

Thanks also to our Governing Body for their continued commitment, support and leadership. I would also like to thank our colleagues in the Infant School, especially Miss Bourke, for their support as part of our extended Annunciation family.

Of course, our biggest thank you must go to the children who have been a credit to you and their school. We are blessed to have these wonderful children in our school community and, as always, we are incredibly proud of them. And finally, can I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of our 'outstanding' school.

A copy of the report is enclosed and it will also be available on the school website from tomorrow.

Best wishes,

Miss O'Prey
Head Teacher

