Gusford Primary School

"Promoting Achievement and Success."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find the Ofsted report from the full inspection in March attached. The report highlights areas of improvement and suggests others areas that are real strengths. I appreciate that the delay in releasing the report has caused speculation regarding its outcome, I hope that the release will now enable the school to focus on ensuring the children receive the highest quality learning in a safe and caring environment.

There are a number of strengths within the report and I selected my personal favourites, these include;

Teachers foster a positive atmosphere for learning in their classrooms. Pupils are encouraged to concentrate, work hard and support one another as they learn. This helps them to learn that sometimes you improve your understanding, as one pupil commented, 'by making mistakes'.

Across the school, teachers enable pupils to work without fear of failure because they respond sensitively when mistakes are made.

Pupils say that they feel safe in school. They say that staff resolve quickly any worries they may have, with one commenting, 'We trust the teachers and they trust us.'

Pupils keenly take responsibility. They feel that their views are valued and that they are able to contribute to school improvement. For example, school councillors have recently been carrying out a survey about improving attendance.

With every report there are a number of areas to improve and the school has not waited until the report is released to start making these improvements.

Finally I would like to thank the staff, students and yourselves for your continued support and encouragement for the Gusford community.

Yours faithfully

Mr C D'Cunha
Executive Headteacher