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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you as you receive the recent Ofsted report for North Leigh CE Primary School, following the inspection on 2nd and 3rd February. It was a very busy few days for the school, with the interviews for the new headteacher the following day!

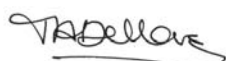
All of us across ODST are very proud of North Leigh and we are delighted that Ofsted has recognised and commented on so many of the school's strengths. The school continues to be a Good school and this is a strong outcome. Mrs Mason, the staff and members of the Local Governing Body have worked very hard to make sure that the school's values of respect, honesty, perseverance, creativity and community are at the heart of everything. It is very rewarding to have that validated by an external body. The inspectors highlighted that *"Pupils are at the heart of this happy, nurturing school...."*. *"Pupils talk enthusiastically about their lessons and say that they feel safe..."*. *"Relationships are a strength of the school"*. *Pupils talk about equality in mature ways. One pupil described it as "everyone getting what they need to be happy and thrive..."* How lovely is that?!

I would like to pay tribute to Mrs Mason especially as she has led the school very capably for the last few months and although the school remains Good, it's an even more demanding benchmark in 2023 than it was at the time of the last Ofsted so it really is an indication that the school has gone from strength to strength.

Ofsted reports always identify areas where schools can develop to become even better, in addition to highlighting strengths, and The Trust will continue to support the school to thrive and develop.

Finally, a thank you to all the parents and carers who completed the parent survey and took time to speak to inspectors and thank you to everyone for working with the school to ensure we can offer your children an excellent education.

Yours sincerely



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