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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about the attached Ofsted report for our school, which has graded various aspects of our provision. The inspection took place in June 2025. The overall findings indicate that the Quality of Education, Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), and Leadership and Management requires improvement, while Behaviour and Attitudes, as well as Personal Development, were graded as good.

We are pleased that the report recognises all the aspects that make Meadowside a special and safe place to learn. The high expectations we have of all children is celebrated and children with special educational needs are successful. Meadowside is a lovely place to be!

We recognise that there is a lot of work that needs to be done to improve the quality of education, leadership and EYFS at Meadowside. There is no doubt that the staff and I share the same vision, which is to improve our school in all the areas required and continue to develop our strengths. I am lucky to inherit an incredibly dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled set of staff and governors, that will help shape the future of our school.

I want to assure you that the inspectors were very happy with how we have dealt with any safeguarding incidents and were complimentary of our safeguarding culture. However, the actions that we took were not always added to our online system. This has already been rectified, with actions that were missing added. Myself, Mrs Whitlock and Miss Mellersh have developed a system to ensure all record keeping is accurate going forward. One of the jobs we did on our INSET day this week, has been to clarify these new procedures with all staff.

We will be supported in our improvement journey by the Local Authority and I have already begun my work with them.

I will continue to be honest with you throughout this journey and I will continue to encourage you to come and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns. The School Development Plan will be shared with you this term so you are able to see what is already being done to improve outcomes at Meadowside. The Governing Body will be monitoring this plan. Our school reputation relies on a number of aspects, including Ofsted, and I know you may be disappointed by sections of this report. I don't expect you to hide this disappointment and you are always welcome to come and talk to me. This is a new chapter in Meadowside history and we are looking forward to developing our ideas into reality.

Under the current system, we will be expecting another Ofsted within 2 ½ years for them to see everything we have achieved.

I am incredibly passionate and proud of Meadowside and as your new headteacher, I will strive for excellence in all areas.

Kind regards,

Mr Port

Headteacher