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Dear Parents/Carers,

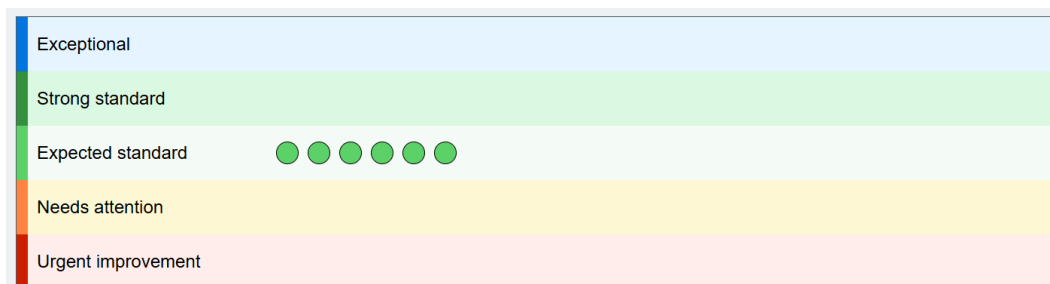
This letter accompanies the letter you will receive from Ofsted regarding the recent inspection. In terms of the way the two days went, the Baines Family shone – the students were excellent ambassadors for the school, and the staff pulled together superbly. OfSTED inspections can be very stressful for all involved, however we were excited to show the journey that we are on, and the many improvements we have seen over the past three years.

In the past, schools were given one overall judgement, such as good or outstanding. These single word judgements are no longer used. Instead, schools now receive a report card. This shows how a school is doing in the following areas:

- Leadership and governance
- Achievement
- Curriculum and teaching
- Inclusion
- Behaviour and attendance
- Personal development and wellbeing

Each area is checked against what Ofsted expects schools to achieve across the country. This allows for more specific detail about what a school does well and where it needs to improve.

Following a rigorous two-day inspection, I am incredibly proud to announce that **Baines School has been judged as Expected Standard across all areas!**



This report is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of our entire school community - our staff, our governors, and most importantly, our wonderful students.

Inspectors recognised the significant improvements made since the last visit and key highlights included:

- “Pupils are at the heart of leaders’ decisions at Baines School.”



- “Leaders promote an inclusive culture and a shared commitment to supporting all pupils well.”
- “Teachers place a strong emphasis on talk and discussion, and pupils contribute confidently in lessons. Reading is a priority. Pupils study challenging texts and learn how to write at length.”
- “The curriculum is well designed and supported by teachers’ secure subject knowledge”
- “The school's personal development programme, RESPECT, is well designed and ambitious..... Pupils speak clearly about the importance of the programme and show enjoyment in their learning.”

We are pleased that the report reflects our progress, and we remain dedicated to helping every student reach their full potential. The complete report is attached for your review and is also available on our website.

I am passionate that all students should have every opportunity to thrive at Baines School. They should feel Encouraged, Engaged and Empowered to be the best version of themselves, and to prepare themselves for the next steps in their education and for the wider world in general. It is also important that students feel that they ‘Belong at Baines’. There should be something for everyone. The destination is important, but the journey should be amazing!

Thank you to our whole school family for your continued support. I hope you are as proud as we are of how far Baines School has come. I am now looking forward to building on our successes, and I am confident Baines School will continue to grow and thrive in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C J Doherty', written in a cursive style.

Mrs C J Doherty  
Headteacher

Nil Sine Labore!