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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Ofsted monitoring inspection on the 6th July we have now received the final letter which can be viewed on the Ofsted website from 16th September. I have attached an electronic copy of the report, but if you require a paper copy of the letter then please get in contact with the school office. I recommend you read the letter in its entirety.

As it was a monitoring visit and not a full inspection, it was not possible for our current grading to change at that time, however, I am pleased that the inspector concluded that leaders and those responsible for governance are taking **'effective action'** in order for the school to be classed as **'good' at the next full inspection**. The inspector met with a range of people during the day and spent time talking to pupils and looking at their work. He also considered the views of parents and staff which were both overwhelmingly positive.

The conclusions in the report, which highlighted the school's **high expectations**, have left us feeling confident that the next full Ofsted inspection will result in the school being classed as 'good'.

The inspector found the school to be **'calm and orderly throughout the day'**, **pupils to be 'polite and courteous'**, that **attendance is good** and that while **pupils spoke 'positively'** about the school's remote education provision, they explained they **'enjoy school and are glad to be back attending in person rather than virtually.'**

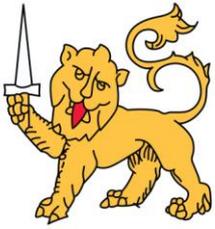
The inspector noted that parents **praised the support the school provides for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)** and that the **attendance of these pupils had also improved** since the previous inspection.

I am very pleased with this report as it clearly states the progress the school has made. It is really rewarding to see it clearly stated that **many of the areas for improvement highlighted at the last inspection have been addressed** and it makes me feel confident that the school will be **graded as good** when we have our next full inspection.

This will be no more than the staff here deserve for all the hard work they have been doing. They have been brilliant during one of the toughest times there has ever been in education and the way they have responded to the challenges posed by the pandemic is inspirational.

I'd like to thank all my staff for their continued hard work and also say a big 'well done' to our pupils and their families for the way they have conducted themselves despite the disruption that Covid has caused to all our lives. While we will always be striving for further improvements, particularly in reviewing the information we collect relating to assessments, the fact that Aylestone continues to **thrive**, and be **over-subscribed**, is a huge compliment for everyone in the school's family and I couldn't be prouder of the part that every single individual involved in school life has played.

I can reassure all our parents that **the hard work will continue here at Aylestone** and that we will continue to **strive to offer the best possible start in life** we can to our children. We have come a long way already and I have absolutely no doubt that the positive progress will continue long into the future.



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I continue to be proud of Aylestone School and the dedication and hard work of our staff, governors and pupils.

As ever, I thank parents and carers for their support of our school. We are keen to continue to work together with you through regular dialogue to support our children to ensure the highest possible outcomes. I am happy to meet with you if you'd like to discuss any aspect of the letter in more detail.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Robertson'.

Simon Robertson,
Executive Headteacher