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Dear Parents,

Following our Ofsted inspection earlier in the term, we are pleased to inform you that the school retains its 'Good' rating, which was the focus of this type of inspection.

The inspection confirmed what staff and governors were already aware of; that Blackmore School has no key issues and that our journey to become 'Outstanding' has been hindered only by the time lost due to the pandemic and lockdowns.

The report highlights strengths of the school including:

- "Safe, stimulating and enjoyable place to be"
- "Pupil behaviour is exceptional"
- "New, bold and ambitious curriculum to raise pupils' aspirations and broaden their horizons"
- "Staff are skilled in helping pupils to become fluent and confident readers"
- "Pupils are attentive and keen to learn"
- "The school has a caring and supportive ethos"
- "Pupils needs are well known"
- "All parents, who shared their views, would recommend the school to others"

No areas of decline were highlighted during the inspection, therefore, to ensure that the school continues to improve and move forward, embedding and evaluating our non-core curriculum will continue to be our main focus; as it was prior to the inspection and the Coronavirus. The report is now available on our school website.

The inspection confirmed how superb our staff and children are and this deserves to be celebrated. We thank you, our parents, for all the continued support and know that by continuing to work together we will always endeavour to be the best we can be.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

With kindest regards

Mrs A Farrant and Mrs V Wisdom