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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the recent Ofsted inspection we, the governing body of The Dingle, would like to take the opportunity to say how pleased we are with the outcome of the report. It is apparent that the energy, enthusiasm and determination, so characteristic of the whole school community, made a strong impression on the visiting inspector.

During his visit, the inspector met with several governors and shared with them his experience of The Dingle. It is enormous credit to the children that they demonstrated confidence in their conversations with the inspector, excellence in their behaviour and pride in their work. The governing body have already extended their appreciation to staff for their efforts in preparation for the inspection, however it is clear that the outcome of the report reflects years of commitment, dedication and consistent hard work.

We hope that you will join the governing body in congratulating Mr Cox, Mr Griffiths and the entire Dingle team in achieving and sustaining excellence in the progress made by children in Maths and Reading, in creating a culture where your children 'enjoy school and enjoy learning', and in striving to provide boundless opportunities for every child to participate and excel in extra-curricular activities. We felt that the report really captured the breadth of experience on offer to children at The Dingle, where educational excellence is balanced with opportunities for participation in sport, music and drama - all within a happy and positive environment.

The report was also helpful in highlighting areas requiring focus and improvement and we agree with the findings of the report in recognising the 'next steps'. This presents an opportunity to drive the school forward to the next level of excellence and outstanding standards. Much work has already been undertaken in the current academic year to address these challenges and this continues with rigour. As a body, we have reiterated our own commitment to supporting the leadership and wider Dingle team in rising to the ongoing challenges and building on the many strengths described so positively by the inspector.

We wish to thank you as parents, and your children, for your contributions and support which help to make The Dingle School community a special place to be. It is a privilege to serve as governors and we are immensely proud to be part of The Dingle where children are happy, safe, enriched and confident.

Yours sincerely,

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