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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to provide important information about recent changes to the inspection framework used by Ofsted and what this means for our schools.

As you may be aware, Ofsted has introduced a renewed framework and inspection approach. These changes reflect a national ambition to raise standards even further across all schools. While our schools have continued to work hard to deliver high-quality education, it is important to understand that the expectations against which schools are evaluated are now more rigorous than in previous years. The 'expected' standard is a high bar.

In practical terms, this higher bar can be seen in several key areas, including:

- The quality and coherence of the curriculum
- How well pupils retain and apply their learning over time
- Support for pupils with additional needs
- Personal development, behaviour and attendance
- Leadership and governance accountability

Inspectors are placing greater emphasis not only on outcomes, but on how effectively schools design and deliver their curriculum, how consistently expectations are applied, and how leaders ensure continuous improvement.

We welcome these changes. High expectations drive improvement, and we are committed to ensuring that every child receives the very best education and opportunities to succeed. Our staff continue to work diligently to strengthen teaching, refine curriculum planning, and provide strong pastoral support for all pupils.

You may notice an increased focus on attendance, reading, homework routines, and communication between home and school. Your continued support in these areas makes a significant difference. Ensuring your child attends school regularly, completes

home learning, and engages positively with school life remains one of the most powerful ways you can support their success.

While the inspection framework has become more demanding, our commitment in RBWM remains the same: to provide a safe, ambitious, and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school directly.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Haines
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