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Dear Parents/Carers

This letter is to bring you up to date with the result of Ofsted's inspection of Ormesby Village Junior School following its inspection on 20th-21st September.

The governors and staff accept the overall Ofsted judgement of 'Requires Improvement' and are fully committed to ensuring that the areas identified for improvement are addressed quickly because our pupils deserve every opportunity to do as well as they possibly can.

It is important to say that school leaders had an accurate view of the school's strengths and weaknesses before the inspection, and existing plans for improvement have already been re-evaluated in the light of inspection findings and put in place.

The inspectors recognised that the school has 'suffered a period of turbulence' with a large amount of staff turnover and difficulties in recruiting high-quality staff. This considerable period of change and recruitment has undoubtedly affected the quality of provision at the school.

Everyone who works at the school or sits on the governing body understands their accountability for ensuring that each one of our pupils receives high quality teaching.

A rigorous timetable for senior and middle leaders to check the quality of teaching and learning has been set up and staff are receiving training to help them challenge all children more effectively, so improving their achievement levels and behavior for learning.

The school will continue to be supported by Norfolk County Council's 'Better2Best' school improvement programme and so receive regular monitoring visits to ensure leaders are maintaining the rapid rate of improvement that is required.

While never losing sight of the areas of concern, it is also important to highlight the strengths that were praised by the inspectors. These include:

- The school is a welcoming place and children are happy.
- The school has a 'highly inclusive ethos' where 'everyone is welcome'.
- Most children behave well and they are polite and courteous towards adults.
- Children with special educational needs and disadvantaged pupils make good progress.
- The quality of children's writing and the presentation of work has improved since the last inspection.
- There is a broad and balanced curriculum with lots of extra-curricular opportunities.
- Arrangements to keep children safe are effective and they feel safe in school.
- There is evidence of good teaching when children are inspired and challenged and so behave well and persevere with their learning.
- There is good pastoral support and pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is promoted well.

We value each and every child at Ormesby Village Junior School and we are all determined to ensure that they achieve their potential. We also value the support you give to your children and to the school.

Ofsted's full report is now available for you to read on the school's website and it will be published on the official Ofsted website from Thursday October 13th. If you would like a paper copy of the report you are welcome to obtain one from the school office.

Yours sincerely

Clive Sillitoe
Chair of Governors

