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Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ofsted Outcome

We are absolutely thrilled to inform you of the results of our Ofsted Inspection, which took place on 13th and 14th of December.

This was an ungraded inspection. The purpose of an ungraded inspection, for schools that were graded as 'good' in their last inspection, as Ad Astra was, is to gauge whether the school continues to be 'good'. The very best outcome that can be achieved in an ungraded inspection is for the school to remain 'good' but for the inspector to recognise that if a full, graded inspection were to have been carried out, that the school might be graded as outstanding.

We are delighted to say that Ad Astra Infant School **has** achieved this very best outcome and, as a result, OFSTED will come back to carry out a full, graded inspection in approximately 12 to 24 months (instead of the usual 4-5 years), to give us the opportunity to be awarded our outstanding grade.

We are obviously totally thrilled with this outcome and we are so very proud of our staff and all our children – as we hope you are too!

We have attached our OFSTED report with this letter and it can also be found on our school website. It is an excellent report and I would strongly urge you to read it.



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Some of the highlights include the following statements:

- ... the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding if a graded inspection were carried out now.
- At Ad Astra, pupils flourish, both academically and beyond the classroom.
- They thrive in the warm, nurturing ethos of the school.
- The school's relentless focus on pupils' achievement means that by the time pupils leave Ad Astra, they are exceptionally well prepared for key stage 2.
- In lessons, pupils are curious, engaged and enthusiastic about their learning.
- The school ensures that pupils' personal development is integral to its work. This goes beyond the school and into the local community.
- The school is unwavering in its pursuit of continual improvement.
- Parents and carers have very positive views about the school. One comment, typical of many, said, '... the school makes a real effort to inspire the children and give them opportunities to shine'.

We would also like to thank all of you for your overwhelmingly positive comments on our Ofsted parent view questionnaire. The children and the staff also completed similar questionnaires in school, as part of our inspection, which were also extremely positive. These surveys gave our inspector vital information about the views of everyone involved with the school and also an idea of what it is like to attend our school.

I am sure that you will agree that we have achieved an incredible report. We are so immensely proud of everyone in Team Ad Astra for their dedication and commitment to putting our Children First and for striving to provide the very best education for all of our children.

We hope you are as thrilled as we are.

With all our best wishes,

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