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Dear Parents/ Carers and Staff

RE: Ofsted Inspection & Report

Following the recent Ofsted inspection of Strathmore School, we are delighted to share the report (<https://www.strathmore.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=OFSTED&pid=12>) which confirms that Ofsted recognises that the school continues to be judged as 'good'.

This is the first *ungraded inspection* since Ofsted judged Strathmore 'good' in February 2019. When Ofsted have previously judged a school to be 'good', they will then normally return to the school four years later in the inspection cycle to confirm that the school remains good. This is called an *ungraded inspection*. Ofsted do not give *graded* judgements on an *ungraded inspection*. However, if they find evidence that a school would have received a higher grade had the inspection been a *graded* one, then the next inspection would be *graded*, this is usually within one to two years. Having completed their recent *ungraded inspection*, we are thrilled to inform you that they concluded that **'the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding if a graded inspection were carried out now'**.

The intensive two-day inspection included 2 inspectors observing 14 lessons and 4 lunchtime sessions across all four campuses, meeting with school leaders, staff, pupils, parents and governors as well as inspecting our curriculum offer from 4 to 19 and its impact on pupil progress. They looked at several curriculum areas in depth and carried out thorough checks into safeguarding, attendance, behaviour support and wellbeing.

The inspection team recognised the progress we have made as a school in recent years, and it is wonderful to see this reflected in the final report. The first line of the report captures what is most important to us; **'Pupils are happy to come to school and thrive on their strong working relationships with staff'**. The inspectors thanked us, especially the pupils, for making them feel so welcome across the two-day inspection. This showcases Strathmore at its finest and is a reality of what happens in our school every single day.

We would like to draw your attention to these particular feedback points from the report:

- The school has an ambitious, bespoke curriculum that supports pupils to achieve well.
- The curriculum is personalised so that everyone can work towards achieving their targets on their education health and care (EHC) plans.
- Teachers regularly check and assess pupils' learning and amend their personal targets. They address any gaps in learning and help pupils by adapting the curriculum further.
- Communication, language and reading are priorities for all pupils. From the start of early years through to the sixth form there is a well-thought-out programme. Every opportunity is used for pupils to develop their communication skills.
- The school's vision to prepare every learner to become an active contributor to their community is evident across the curriculum. Leaders ensure that there is a strong integration between (co-located) school communities.



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We were particularly proud to hear how impressed the inspectors were with the learner's behaviour and the respectful way that they interacted with each other and with the adults at school. During the verbal feedback the inspector stated that **'the children have been a genuine delight to be with.'** This is a credit not only to our amazing children but also such a positive reflection of the ethos and culture created by leaders, staff and all the adults that the children encounter during their school day. The inspector stated that the robust behaviour systems and good communication in school and with parents supported the positive behaviour of learners.

We also wanted to thank everyone who completed the Ofsted's Parent View survey as this is such valuable feedback for us as a school. The report notes that the overwhelming majority of parents and carers are happy with their child's safety and wellbeing, our school offer and their child's progress. There was a resounding number of positive comments made in the survey and it cemented the wonderful relationship we have between home and school. This is something we are really proud of, and we will continue to work on strengthening these relationships further.

As a school we will be reviewing all the feedback we received over the course of the inspection, and this will be reflected in the review of our school development plan.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the staff team, including our Auriga Academy Trust colleagues, for their hard work and dedication in making Strathmore School such a wonderful school. We are sure that you will join us in congratulating and thanking everyone who works in our school for their dedication, commitment and hard work in making Strathmore School the special place it is.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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