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Dear Parents/Carers of Macaulay,

Following our Ofsted inspection on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 we are delighted to be able to share the final report.

Macaulay had a Section 5 inspection, which is a full inspection with graded judgements, to ensure the overall effectiveness of the school meets OFSTED standards. This was the first Section 5 inspection since 2009, so it was an important opportunity and Macaulay was graded Good in all areas, these being Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and the Early Year's Provision. Safeguarding was found to be effective. The feedback during the inspection was incredibly positive, reflecting the strengths and very essence of Macaulay.

During the course of two days, inspectors met with governors, senior leaders, subject leaders, teachers and support staff. They went into lessons, spoke to pupils about their learning and looked at samples of work. The lead inspector, Sophie Cavanagh, spoke to representatives from the local authority and the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education and considered the responses from the parent, staff and pupil surveys.

Highlights in our report are:

*'Pupils are happy and well cared for at this school. Staff, parents and carers, and pupils feel very proud to be part of this welcoming and supportive school community. The school's values, such as compassion, generosity and creativity, are at the heart of everything here.'*

*'Leaders have created an environment where pupils are expected to work hard and behave well. Pupils engage in their learning and achieve highly. They have positive relationships with staff and are kind and respectful to one another.'*

*'The school is a happy and calm place to be. Attendance rates are high.'*

The OFSTED report also commended the early years' emphasis on the development of communication and maths and the school's overall approach to phonics, specifically how it was helping, *'pupils to gain the knowledge and skills they need to become confident and fluent readers.'* The school's support of children with SEND was also praised, for how accurately it was identified and how well staff adapted teaching to keep pupils engaged in their learning.

Inspectors also praised teaching methods of the curriculum, however they identified a few areas for improvement. This was already a priority on our School Development Plan prior to the inspection, with regular curriculum reviews and improvements to curriculum content already underway. These will continue, identifying the essential knowledge areas pupils need to know and remember. Leaders, governors and staff are all committed to providing the highest quality education to all pupils of Macaulay.

There will be a parent forum on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 5.00 pm in the Macaulay school hall, if you have any questions or comments about the OFSTED report or the curriculum, please come and join us.

I thank the staff, children and governors for all their incredible hard work at Macaulay and parents and carers for their ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Susan Eade  
Headteacher