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Dear parents and carers,

As you know, Ofsted recently inspected our school. We have now received the report outlining the result of this inspection. This report is attached and we encourage you to read it carefully.

The result of this inspection is not the one we wanted or expected: Ofsted has found that our school “requires improvement”. Their reasoning for this finding is presented in the report. In a nutshell, it seems to centre on capacity within the school leadership team and inconsistencies in standards of teaching and learning.

Those of you who have been part of our school community for some time will be aware that we had already identified these challenges and have been taking decisive steps to address them. These have had an impact but it is still early days. It is unlucky for us that Ofsted chose to inspect us during the second week of the new school year, but this was not in our control.

The good news is that Ofsted’s assessment has opened up new pools of resource to us – both financial and strategic – to enhance and drive our school improvement plan.

Most importantly, West Wimbledon Primary School and Wimbledon Park Primary School together have agreed to deepen and extend the existing partnership work beyond one year. This will allow a clear focus, at West Wimbledon Primary school, on actions to ensure the development and provision of a consistent high quality teaching and learning environment for our children whilst also strengthening the leadership capacity. Key elements of this action plan will include swift implementation of proven curricula and teaching and assessment standards – which were pivotal to the success of Wimbledon Park Primary School achieving its recent “outstanding” Ofsted rating – into West Wimbledon Primary School.

The successful outcome of these actions should lead to a rapid route back to West Wimbledon Primary School being assessed as an outstanding school and be of long term benefit for both schools. In order to achieve all of this both West Wimbledon Primary School and Wimbledon Park Primary School will remain under the common leadership of Mr Lufkin.

Despite Ofsted’s assessment, we believe West Wimbledon Primary School remains a good school, albeit one that requires improvement. Improving the school is, was and always will be our focus, regardless of any Ofsted assessment. We believe that our deeper programme of partnership with Wimbledon Park Primary School is the best way forward and will help us make a quick return to an outstanding rating.

For this to work, we need your support. We understand that it is likely that you have questions and concerns about the Ofsted assessment and what it means for your children, as well as the school's response to it. We are eager to address these and outline our action plan in a clear and meaningful way. **We will be holding parent information sessions on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm and Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9 am in the school hall and we strongly encourage you to attend.** In order to help us with managing space and logistics in the school hall, please sign up for one of the information events to let us know you are attending using the links below:

**8th October at 7pm** information meeting: <https://bit.ly/2QsyTMS> or

**9th October at 9am** information meeting: <https://bit.ly/2ycDFX2>

This meeting will be followed up with a Parentmail FAQ sheet, which will aim to answer questions and summarise the key takeaways from the parent information evening.

Yours faithfully,



Jo Reynolds,  
Chair of Governors,  
West Wimbledon Primary School