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Dear Parents and Carers

Re Ofsted Inspection 14th March 2017

As you are aware we had a one day inspection by Ofsted on 14th March 2017. You will find a copy of the outcome of this visit attached and also on our website. **We are delighted to have maintained our grading of good.**

Since our last inspection in 2011, the Ofsted framework has changed considerably. Expectation has been raised dramatically and as a school community we have worked hard to drive progress forwards on school and national priorities. It would be fair to say that a "good" in 2017 reflects a higher standard than a "good" in 2011 so we are very pleased with the outcome and feel it is a fair reflection of our school at this point. King Athelstan Primary School feels like a very different place than it did in 2011. A major factor in this is the fantastic community feel to which every single adult and child contributes.

You will note that the outcome attached is in the form of a letter and not a full report. This is because we had a single day inspection with one inspector, Mr Tom Canning. Typically, this happens when a school is not expected to move grades (either up or down) or if there have not been any significant changes, e.g. to leadership or results.

The inspection process carried out by Mr Canning was thorough and focussed. As a serving headteacher himself, his thoughtful and respectful approach was much appreciated by all the staff and children. He appreciated the quantity and quality of your responses to the questionnaire as well as the feedback you shared with him in person on the morning of his visit. This added significant evidence on which he based his judgements.

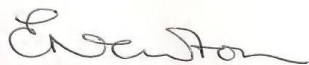
The school has a rigorous and robust self-evaluation process which is considered part of our "day job" with our grading revisited termly. Since our inspection in 2011, the governors, Senior Leadership Team and Local Authority have consistently graded us as "good" in all areas. The actions that we agreed during this recent inspection are already part of this year's school development plan.

We hope you feel that the letter from Ofsted reflects your experience of the school. We are delighted to be moving forwards now with our inspection out of the way. As a staff team we are so



proud to work with your children on a day to day basis, "inspiring excellence." We cannot wait to show you our new building too so that you can share our excitement about the journey ahead. Should you have any questions regarding the Ofsted report then we will be available after drop off (8.50am) on Friday 5th May 2017 and at the end of the day on Thursday 11th May (2.45pm) in the small hall.

Yours sincerely



Emily Newton
Headteacher



Ed Gossage
Chair of Governors