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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find enclosed a copy of the latest Ofsted report following the inspection just before the Christmas break. It is very pleasing to read such positive comments about our school where the majority of areas were judged as Good: Leadership and Management, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Early Years Provision.

It is testament to the skills of the inspectors that they were able, in a relatively short time, recognise things that we are proud of at Calton Primary and Calton Playgroup.

The inspectors were complementary of English (including phonics, reading, writing and spelling), Maths, PE and Science and could clearly see the extent to which our curriculum provided good enrichment. There are still some subjects that are not as fully developed as those shared and it is this that gave us the judgement of Requires Improvement in Quality of Education, even though we had already begun the journey. Whilst our curriculum is broad and balanced and meets statutory requirements, it was the depth to which the children know and remember facts which was not as secure.

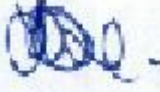
September 2020 saw the implementation of a new Ofsted framework that has moved the goalposts considerably, with the intention of making it far harder to gain the top grades. Our own thoughts are that this is entirely the right thing to do. Schools need to be challenged and it is quite right that the standards demanded from us are as high as they can be. There are many positive comments that we are very proud to read, but we do not wish to repeat what is written in the report – the words speak for themselves.

We would like to highlight the inspectors' comments which really stood out for us and that is the high-quality pastoral provision as well as the ethos and atmosphere within the school. A very moving comment made by our children 'no matter who you are, you will be accepted at Calton.' This cannot be manufactured or prepared for when the inspectors call – it is something that takes years to develop, embed and will only be in place when all members of the staff are pulling in the same direction with the same expectations. Another reason why Leadership and Management, Personal Development and Behaviour and Attitudes were all judged as Good.

We are eager and keen to meet the challenges ahead and will do everything to continue to develop those subjects in line with the ones already established.

Finally, we would like to thank our staff, pupils and the parent community for the support shown during the Ofsted inspection.

Yours sincerely

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