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Dear parents and carers,

“Moreland is a good school with outstanding personal development, behaviour and welfare”

It is with great pleasure that I provide you with a copy of Moreland’s Ofsted report. It is an extremely strong report which follows two days of scrutiny of teaching and learning as well of safe guarding and every aspect of school life. “Teaching is a least good and much is outstanding in both key stages 1 and 2.....teaching in early years is good and sometimes outstanding.” Inspectors could see improved standards- “The school is now a high-achieving place of learning where all staff have high expectations of pupils.” I am delighted that inspectors recognised this because standards have been improving since the start of the federation in 2011.

The outstanding grading for personal development, behaviour and welfare is a real tribute to the staff team: “Through the hard work of the staff at the school, pupils show great confidence and awareness about how to be successful learners. Pupils are very fond of their school..... Pupils say that they feel safe and understand where to turn for help should they need it.” This to me is very special because the children are consistently well behaved and genuinely happy in school. I have always said that parents need to drop children off every day at school knowing that they are safe, happy and making good progress- this is certainly the case in Moreland.

It has been a real privilege for me to lead Moreland and the federation will continue. Just because we are now a good school does not mean that we will relax- there is a solid hard work culture amongst the staff team and the children. St Luke’s has been outstanding on a number of occasions and each time the staff, governors and I have agreed that we must always seek to improve. The world of education is constantly changing with a new curriculum and higher expectations and we must embrace this. The same goes for Moreland. We have great capacity to achieve an overall ‘outstanding’ grade and that’s what we are aiming for. We will make the minor adjustments inspectors suggest but I urge you to carefully read the full report because it does actually read like an outstanding school report!

With best wishes,

Ann Dwulit