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Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, Ofsted have recently been in to Bitterne Park to inspect the school. This was a full two-day inspection with five inspectors on site. We have not been visited for this type of inspection since January 2009.

A great deal has moved forward in the world of education since then and the bar continues to be raised. The judgements on this occasion are as follows:

Achievement :	Good	-	i.e. Grade 2 (previously Grade 2)
Quality of Teaching:	Good	-	i.e. Grade 2 (previously Grade 1)
Behaviour and Safety:	Outstanding	-	i.e. Grade 1 (previously Grade 1)
Leadership & Management:	Outstanding	-	i.e. Grade 1 (previously Grade 1)

Despite the report reflecting the strengths we have maintained since the 2009 inspection, this 50:50 split in judgements means we are now a **Good** school, with **Outstanding** features.

One very pleasing aspect of this report is to grade our Sixth Form as "Good" after only 3 years of existence. This is the same Ofsted grade as our local Sixth Form colleges.

Please go to www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports to download/read the full report, or follow our BPS website link. If you have trouble accessing the report, please let us know so a paper copy can be provided.

Can we say a big "thank you" if you responded to the Ofsted questionnaire, or sent in a letter. The comments were, we believe, overwhelmingly positive, thank you for your support.

The biggest thanks of all must go to the students of Bitterne Park who were definitely "Outstanding". They impressed our inspectors and were highly praised in the feedback and throughout the report. Well done to them for being proud to be part of team BPS!

The report has given the school just a few things to focus on to continue to improve further and we will of course deal with these with immediate effect. The inspectors praised our in-house evaluations for already identifying what will continue to take BPS forward.

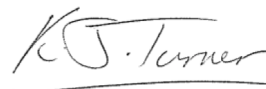
Please get in touch if you have any comments or queries. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely



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