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## RE: Ofsted report – due to be published 16/1/24

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you know we were inspected by Ofsted last February and they returned to finish the 'incomplete inspection' in May 23. The report was published in June. We received our first Ofsted *monitoring* visit in November 23. Usually when a school is placed into the category of *Special Measures*, they can spend up to two years there.

However, after only 5 months since our report was published we are now out of special measures! This is very rare and is a reflection of the dedication and determination of our team.

I am very pleased to share this news with you all, which local MP Tim Farron has summed up perfectly in a recent letter to myself:

*'Dear Lucy, A little bird told me...that you emerged from Special measures in super record time! I am so delighted for you, it is the least you deserve after the difficult few months you've all experienced.*

*Your hard work, dedication and professionalism shines out in all that you do.*

*The school community as a whole; Parents, Governors, children, staff and yourself ALL deserve huge credit.*

*You have my deep admiration and gratitude.*

*Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help,*

*Very best wishes, Tim Farron'.*

This speedy turnaround is due to the dedication and hard work of Team Cuthbert's. We have all worked none stop and all want the very best for our amazing children. We are on a very exciting journey and the future is very bright here.

Our school is often described as a 'calm and nurturing' place to learn. What more could you want? Ofsted have also praised our 'rapid journey of improvement' which is being completed with 'considerable gusto' and with 'un-stinting and well-focused support'.

As you would expect, our children have been praised and were recognised to be '...happy at school... behave well and are respectful of one another...'. 'Pupils develop strong personal qualities such as empathy and responsibility, through a variety of experiences...'. Our school calendar is bursting full of exciting activities and enrichment opportunities for our children. We also definitely make the most of our location in the Lake District National Park.

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Thank you to yourselves for your constant support. Ofsted noted that: 'Staff morale is high...they are universally proud to belong to Team Cuthbert's. Parents overwhelmingly echo this sense of pride. They trust the school...'

Vicky Beer, NW Regional Director for The DFE also visited us in October and saw what a remarkable school we are. She was very impressed and loved meeting our children and seeing what a special and unique setting we really are.

As Head teacher, I would like to share how immensely proud I am of how quickly we have acted on recommendations. We are constantly working on our 'post Ofsted Action Plan' and are continuously improving. Some of our improvements are of course in their infancy, but Ofsted saw the impact they were already having.

Our most recent report is due to be published on the 16/1/24, however it is now available on our school website, at the bottom of our home page. Hard copies are available from the school office should you require one.

Thank you once again for your support,

Please come and see me if you have any questions,

Yours sincerely,

*L. Bone*

Mrs Bone