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Dear Parent / Carer

OFSTED Inspection

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on 23rd and 24th June and I am pleased to distribute this to you. The report will be published on the OFSTED website this week.

I am delighted to tell you that Southway has been graded as '**Good**' for overall effectiveness (**Grade 2**) under this new more stringent framework and '**Good**' (**Grade 2**) in all categories.

This inspection was carried out under the new, more stringent OFSTED Framework for inspections that has been in place since September 2012 and the school has been given a grade for 'Overall Effectiveness' as well as grades for 4 areas:

- Achievement and Progress of students **'Good' (Grade 2)**
- Quality of Teaching and Learning at the school **'Good' (Grade 2)**
- The Behaviour and Safety of students **'Good' (Grade 2)**
- The Quality of Leadership and Management at the school **'Good' (Grade 2)**

The grades that can be awarded are Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3) or Inadequate (4). Requires Improvement replaces the previous grading of 'Satisfactory' in this new framework.

During the inspection, the children represented our school brilliantly, politely interacting with the inspectors, demonstrating enthusiasm and positivity. Since taking up the role of Headteacher, my belief and pride in the children has never faltered and the inspection team's reflection on their good behaviour highlights the fact that the children know that they have to work really hard 'Learning and Achieving Together' and that nothing great comes without considerable effort.

Please do take time to read the report as it sets out where we currently are as a school. It reflects the huge amount of work that has taken place in the last two years to move the school forwards from its last judgment of 'Requires Improvement'. What should be pleasing for everyone involved with the school is that the report recognises the rapid progress we have made and the positive impact that this has had on our children.

I would like to thank everyone for their support since my start two years ago. The improvements that have taken place have only happened because of the full support of the parents, the support of the Governing Body, the hard work of the children and the dedication and expertise of the staff. I am incredibly proud of the outcome of this inspection but not surprised.

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We will continue to work to improve. This is an exciting time for the school and I look forward to continuing our success in the coming years.

It is my intention to share a summary of our development plans for the academic year 2015/16 at the start of the year in September. I am confident and determined that the school will continue to grow and move from strength to strength.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Newbold
Headteacher

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