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Dear Families,

I am pleased to share with you the recent Ofsted report for Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School. This report reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff and the commitment and support of our school community through some challenging years and our more recent stabilisation and growth.

The report states that Lydiard Millicent is a school where pupils "Believe, Learn and Grow." We are really pleased that the report highlights that our pupils behave well, are welcoming, respectful, tolerant and form positive relationships with adults and their peers. Pupils also demonstrate positive attitudes towards their learning and older pupils are a positive role model for younger children. They enjoy opportunities to take on leadership roles, such as serving on the school council and other committees, which make them feel proud.

Importantly, the inspector has identified that safeguarding is effective throughout the school, reflecting the high priority we give staff training and the implementation and monitoring of our safeguarding policies and procedures.

The report recognises the recent improvements we have made in the core subjects of English and Mathematics. Pupils are developing strong fluency as readers and as mathematicians as they progress through the school. This includes children with SEND, who are well supported with adapted practice alongside their peers.

However, the report highlights that the implementation and assessment of the wider curriculum is not yet as effective, and that pupils' knowledge in foundation subjects is not as deep as it needs to be. We had already begun addressing this before our visit by revising our curriculum in history, where we have implemented the use of knowledge organisers to help pupils learn and remember key information. This work continues in the other foundation subjects to ensure we have sufficient depth across our curriculum.

We acknowledge that some parents have held a negative view of the school due to the challenges faced historically. We remain committed to working closely with all families to overcome these perceptions and to provide the best possible education for our pupils.

The Ofsted report highlights the areas for development already identified through our own self evaluation and monitoring. This validates our roadmap for the continued improvement of our school. We are dedicated to addressing these areas and we are confident that, with the support of our school community and Academy Council, we can build on our strengths and provide an exceptional educational experience for all our pupils.

We look forward to your ongoing support in our continued school improvement journey.

Sincerely,

Andrew Farmer

Stuart James & Vicki Tee

Head, Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School Chair and Vice-Chair Academy Council

