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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, Himbleton CE First School and Nursery was inspected by Ofsted on 30th January.

We are proud to inform you that the school remains a good school.

The last inspection was in May 2016. As many of you will be aware, the school had experienced a period of instability and significant change during the period since the last inspection, particularly in relation to changes of staff and leadership, including the collaboration with Pinvin.

The inspection team listened intently to the journey that the school has been on. They acknowledged that the turbulence may have had some impact on standards in school during the identified period. However, the team provided rigorous challenge to ensure that our current self-evaluation is correct. We are pleased that they agreed with our judgements and confirmed that our current identified development priorities (which were shared with you earlier in the year) are accurate. We are also pleased that the inspectors were very positive about the improvements that have been made in school and the impact of our work so far, as well as the plans that are in place. I am incredibly grateful to the staff team for being so committed and embracing wholeheartedly the projects that we have and continue to undertake.

We are fully aware that there is still work to do and that there are some inconsistencies still to address due to historical circumstances; please be assured that we are all fully committed to this and are positive about the future of our lovely school now that we have stability. We will continue to work in partnership with the Local Authority and the Diocese to ensure that the children in our school are provided with the best possible education. Having worked in a range of schools, I can honestly say that Himbleton is a truly special place and I feel proud to be part of such a fantastic community.

We are delighted with the outcome of this inspection and pleased that it highlights so many positive aspects of the experience that our children get here at Himbleton – we do hope that you feel the same. We now have time to continue our work, embed new approaches and see the impact of these before our next visit.

If you would like to discuss the report further, then please let me know and we can schedule an appointment to do so.

Thank you very much for your support since September and in anticipation of your on-going support as we move forward.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gemma Martin

Mrs Claire Johnston (Chair of Governors)