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Dear Parents

Re: Early Years Inspection Report

Following the Independent Schools Inspectorate's inspection of our Early Years department in October, Mrs Macnair and I are delighted to be able to share the team's findings with you officially now that the final report has been published. You will find a copy attached to this letter and it is also downloadable from our website for future viewing.

With only five days' notice, this type of inspection provides us with a useful evaluation of our provision as it reports on current practice without the ability to put in any special preparation. This means that we were inspected through a snapshot of the School as it normally is, as seen through a team of independent and highly experienced professionals.

It is very pleasing to read the numerous comments that support and acknowledge the many positive achievements Oaklands has made in recent years as we were judged to be 'Outstanding' or 'Good' in all four categories. With such rigorous criteria for inspections nowadays this is a higher standard than the national trend. Some quotes that are particularly worth noting are as follows:

- *The contribution of the Early Years provision to children's well-being is outstanding.*
- *Children of all ages form secure emotional attachments with staff.*
- *Excellent relationships were observed in all age groups.*
- *Children are happy and enjoy their activities.*
- *The setting makes good provision in meeting the needs of the range of children who attend.*
- *The educational programmes help most children to meet the expected levels of development, and in some cases exceed them.*
- *All children are well supported in acquiring the skills to develop and learn effectively.*
- *Parents feel well informed about their children's achievements and progress.*
- *Most children make good progress and achieve well in all areas of their learning and development.*
- *Children's personal and emotional development is excellent and they feel safe, secure and happy.*
- *Behaviour is extremely good and children of all ages respond to instructions from adults.*

Our thanks go in particular to our Early Years team, who clearly impressed these experienced inspectors.

At Oaklands we continue to strive for the best education possible for our pupils, and we are confident that we will be able to build on this excellent report and take the School to an even higher phase in its continuing development.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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