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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to share the findings from Ofsted following our recent inspection. I am delighted the inspectors agreed that Fairlands Middle School continues to be a 'Good' school with many strengths.

Particular highlights from the report are that leaders have designed a curriculum that prepares pupils well for the next stage of their education. Teachers use their good subject knowledge to plan appropriate activities. These help pupils to remember their learning and understand new content.

The inspectors found that Fairlands is a welcoming and friendly school. Pupils enjoy coming to school. Staff know their pupils very well. Pupils and staff get along and treat each other with respect.

It was recognised that the school provides opportunities for pupils to develop their character and become well-rounded young people. Pupils are keen to help each other and they spoke enthusiastically about being digital leaders, librarians and choreographers. The pupils also shared that the school 'provides loads of opportunities and helps us to be whatever we want to be'.

The report also mentions that the leader for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is making great strides to strengthen the school's provision. It was also recognised that I am supported well by the senior team, school staff and governors and that my ambition is shared for Fairlands to be an inspirational, inclusive and tolerant place to learn.

Thank you to the many of you who completed the Parent View survey. I have also taken the opportunity this week, during assemblies, to thank pupils for their hardwork and efforts during the inspection.

A copy of the full report can be found on the school website under the School Development tab. Parents using ParentPay will also receive a copy by email.

I am holding a headteacher clinic on Thursday 27 February at 2 pm where I will discuss more of the findings of the report and how we can improve even further. If you would like to join me, please email my PA, Debbie Andrews on office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Safeguarding Children is everyone's responsibility.

If you are worried about any child please make an appointment to see either Helen Heffernan, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Robert Cooling, Felicity Grant, Sally Virgin, Designated Safeguarding Deputies
Alternatively, you can phone NPSCC: 0808 800 5000 Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224

