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Dear Parents and Carers

I am absolutely delighted to share with you our published Ofsted inspection report, following the visit that took place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November 2025. We are immensely proud of the outcomes and the recognition this report gives to the remarkable journey our school community has taken together.

The report is now available to read via our school website using the following link: <https://bit.ly/4iE6wtV>

As you may be aware, Ofsted has recently introduced a new inspection framework, and we were honoured to be among the first 20 schools nationally to be inspected under this updated system. Schools are no longer given the traditional overall judgements of *Inadequate*, *Requires Improvement*, *Good*, or *Outstanding*. Instead, Ofsted now assesses schools across seven key areas, using the equally rigorous judgements of *Urgent Improvement*, *Needs Attention*, *Expected*, *Strong*, and *Exemplary*.

Further information about this new framework can be found here:

[New Ofsted report cards and grades: a guide for parents](https://bit.ly/45QcUbW)  
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To achieve 'Strong' judgements in three areas and 'Expected' judgements in the remaining four areas, particularly following a predecessor school judgement of *Inadequate* in September 2022, represents a truly outstanding journey of improvement. This success is a powerful testament to the commitment, determination, and teamwork of our pupils, staff, governors, and parents. It brings to life our motto: "Success Achieved Together."

This is an achievement we should all celebrate with great pride. While we take time to recognise how far we have come, we also remain ambitious for the future. Our journey continues, and we will keep working together, guided by our shared values, to ensure Smestow Academy continues to be a place where young people thrive, succeed, and flourish.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your unwavering support and belief in our vision since becoming Smestow Academy. Your partnership has been vital to our success so far, and I am confident that there is even more to come for our great school.

Yours faithfully

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