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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will know, we had a visit from Ofsted towards the end of the summer term and, having been sworn to secrecy throughout the summer, I am now delighted to reveal that The Dorcan Academy has been judged **GOOD** in every single category. A copy of the full report is attached which will go live on the Ofsted website on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

At the time we thought the timing was terrible as everyone was exhausted and the weather was unbearably hot; however, our students did us proud, demonstrating our Dorcan values and virtues and behaving impeccably during the inspection, and our teachers did what they always do, taught high quality lessons. We were more than ready as we have been working towards this since our last inspection and were just waiting for official confirmation.

The inspectors were really impressed with the school and only suggested minor improvements which we had already identified. The report itself does not do justice to all the great things they said but Mr Morgans and I were able to attend the inspectors' team meeting and take notes and we were bursting with pride.

Over the past seven years when I took up post the academy has been on a journey, which started with an inadequate judgement. Since then, our dedicated staff have worked incredibly hard with great resilience, hard work, determination, and perseverance to achieve this result which is the first time the school has been judged Good in its history. We could not have done it without you and your support. Thank you for ensuring your child arrived to school on time in their best PE kit and with all their equipment because it was noted.

Many of you have believed in the school throughout our journey and you have encouraged and supported us all the way. Now it is official – we are a **GOOD** school. Your child attends a **GOOD** school! We need to shout this from the rooftops!

But - our vision is to be an outstanding school of first choice at the heart of our local community so there is no standing still! I always said that Good was never good enough for my own children so it isn't good enough for yours. When Ofsted returns in 4 years' time, we will be outstanding. We intend to make our vision a reality.

I am looking forward to working with you all again this year and am excited about the future of the school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sherryl Bareham  
Headteacher