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Dear Parents/Carers

### The Langley Academy Primary is Outstanding!

I am proud and elated to announce that we have been judged 'outstanding' in every category of our first Ofsted inspection (which took place on 10 and 11 July 2018).

I am genuinely proud and excited to share this report. From the beginning of this journey in 2014, I have always believed we would develop and build a school that meets the needs of the local community. This outstanding judgement validates that our teaching and learning approach of moulding the curriculum to meet the interests of the children, to deepen their learning, really works. This judgement reflects the tireless work of the teachers, leaders and every member of school staff to benefit the children and families that we work with.

As you know, we lead a child-centred curriculum, driven by an ethos of Curiosity, Exploration and Discovery, which the inspectors described as 'extraordinary'.

The Ofsted report commends us for the following:

- A culture where pupils can thrive. The needs of the pupils are absolutely at the heart of the school's work.
- Children make an exceptionally good start to school in the Early Years.
- Key Stage 1 builds on firm foundations meaning children make rapid progress and develop a thirst for knowledge and a questioning mind.

School leaders and governors were praised for:

- Their approach to providing an innovative curriculum, tackling disadvantage and reaching the highest standards.
- The Headteacher's enthusiasm and energy are infectious; her high expectations have been maintained as the school has grown. As a result, the quality of teaching and learning is outstanding.

Rhodri Bryant, the Executive Principal at the Langley Academy Trust, said:

- 'Tracey Bowen (the Headteacher), the staff, children and parents didn't just achieve an outstanding judgement, it was an 'outstanding, outstanding', quite simply one of the best Ofsted reports I have ever read. Ofsted described the curriculum as extraordinary and I believe that is down to our belief that education should foster curiosity and that is exactly what staff have achieved. The lead inspector said to me during the inspection that children here have a palpable curiosity about the world, they just want to find about and know it all! You only achieve this when you work with people who truly care about their job, the children and the people they work with. The judgement validates this, it says to our staff that they are shaping each other and children's lives for the better, it is an outcome that all of the Trustees, Governors, staff, children and parents thoroughly deserved. We are so, so proud.

Highlights from the report include the following:

- Pupils regularly demonstrate real awe and wonder as they benefit from a wide range of exciting opportunities, including trips, special events, visits from museum experts and hands-on experiences.
- Staff express great pride in being members of the team and are dedicated to ensuring that pupils succeed.
- There are four key factors that contribute towards making teaching outstanding at this school: Firstly, teachers know every pupil well as an individual. Secondly, teachers have the very highest expectations of what can be achieved. Thirdly, teachers understand how young pupils learn best and finally, teachers have excellent subject knowledge.
- Pupils behaviour in and around school is exemplary and pupils are totally engrossed in their learning.
- Very many pupils achieve standards that are much higher than might usually be expected for their age.
- In Early Years teachers provide a stimulating and engaging environment, inside and out...and children are utterly absorbed in their learning.
- Parents are overwhelming positive about the progress children make, both academically and socially.

Annabel Nicoll, Sponsor of The Langley Academy Trust, commented:

“When we first designed this academy we wanted to create a place where children would develop enquiring minds and a true love of learning and this would lead to academic success. I couldn’t be more delighted that Ofsted has recognised that our vision has become a reality.”

On behalf of myself and the staff, we would like to thank every member of The Langley Academy Primary family for your continued support and belief in the work that we do. We could not have achieved this outstanding judgement without you. I hope that you enjoy reading the attached report.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Bowen  
Headteacher