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Dear parent or carer,

It is likely that you have already heard of Ofsted. They are the Office for Standards in Education and they inspect services providing education and skills for learners of all ages. You may or may not have heard that they have very recently changed the framework for how they inspect schools.

The renewed Ofsted framework is different to the previous framework and the reports will look very different. For example, there are now eight areas they will be inspecting with five judgement categories for each, whereas previously it was only four areas and four judgements. The new reports are now an online report, which give parents and carers more information and are easier to access on mobile devices. This link gives information and a short video explaining the new framework: [Understanding Ofsted Report Cards and Grades](#).

Kingsmeadow Community School is due to be inspected by Ofsted any time now. Whilst there is always nervousness around a workplace inspection, we are actually very excited by the prospect of being inspected under the renewed framework. The new focus areas of Ofsted inspections are areas of strength for us as a school. They are areas we work hard at as we have always believed they are important to young people, parents and carers, such as: Inclusion; Safeguarding; Personal Development and Wellbeing.

When the inspection comes, we will be notified on a Monday morning and the inspection team will be in school on the Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. The inspection focuses on students, who will get an excellent opportunity to show off just how well they are doing in school. Parents and carers also get a chance to give their feedback to inspectors, which may include an invite to come into school as well as the opportunity to complete an online survey.

I do hope that when the inspection occurs you will consider an invite into school if it occurs and take the time to complete the survey openly and honestly. The more responses the inspectors receive the more useful the information is for them. You can also give your views prior to the inspection through the Ofsted Parent View website.

In the meantime, if you do have any queries about your child's education at Kingsmeadow Community School, please get in touch via enquiries@kingsmeadow.org.uk

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Barrett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Barrett
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