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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Ofsted Report Published

I am delighted to share that our Ofsted report has now been published.

Under Ofsted's new inspection framework, Deptford Green achieved a **Strong judgement for Attendance and Behaviour** and met the **Expected standard across all other areas**, with safeguarding meeting all requirements.

Importantly, inspectors explained during feedback that the new framework sets a significantly higher bar than previous inspections. Whilst direct comparisons between frameworks should always be treated with caution, they were clear that schools meeting the **Expected** standard are demonstrating a high level of effectiveness, with **Strong** being reserved for areas working above that already demanding benchmark.

We are particularly proud that inspectors recognised the culture that sits at the heart of our school:

"Pupils quickly develop a strong sense of belonging because inclusion and equity underpin everyday school life."

"The school fosters a welcoming community where pupils feel valued."

"Pupils demonstrate consistently positive behaviour."

Inspectors also recognised the calm and purposeful learning environment that exists throughout the school:

"Staff consistently reinforce the school's high expectations, creating calm and purposeful classrooms where pupils learn without disruption."

We were especially pleased that the report recognised our commitment to inclusion and support for vulnerable learners, including the quality of provision within The Base:

"The Base provides high-quality support for pupils with autism spectrum disorder."

The report reflects the hard work of our staff, students, governors and families. It highlights many strengths across the school, including our inclusive ethos, behaviour, personal development,

safeguarding, careers education and the support we provide to pupils with SEND and those who face additional barriers.

Like all schools, we will continue to refine and improve our practice. Inspectors identified a small number of areas where further development would strengthen our provision even further, and these align closely with priorities we had already identified ourselves.

I am incredibly proud of what our community has achieved together. This report recognises a school where students feel safe, valued and ambitious for their future, and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Thurston
Headteacher