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Dear Parent/Carer

It gives me great pleasure to share with you a copy of the report published by Ofsted following its inspection of Ashton on Mersey school recently.

I am sure that once you have had the chance to review the report you will share our delight.

Following the inspection, which took place last month on April 24th-25th, every aspect of the school and our Sixth Form was judged to be Outstanding. The enclosed report details the inspection team's findings in four key areas: achievement of pupils, quality of teaching, behaviour & safety of pupils and leadership & management.

We are very proud of this achievement particularly as it marks the school's fifth consecutive 'Outstanding' judgement. In practical terms this means that on each and every occasion that Ashton on Mersey School has been inspected, it has only ever been judged as Outstanding. This is an accolade shared by only a handful of schools (from around 25000 nationally) and recognises the skills and total commitment of our staff and governing body.

The latest inspection report also cements Ashton's position as the lead school within The Dean Trust and confirms our prominence as a national Teaching School. Undoubtedly our work supporting other schools through both of these areas of activity has led to improved performance at Ashton.

A final word must go to the pupils of Ashton on Mersey school who came in for particular praise from the inspection team, describing them as 'impeccable & immaculate' and being in possession of 'exceptionally positive attitudes to learning'.

Please do take the time to read (and enjoy) the full report - an electronic version is also available on the school website. May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in working in partnership with us.

Yours faithfully



Mrs V Beer
Executive Principal