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Courage, Forgiveness, Service, Kindness

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## **Ofsted Inspection – April 2025**

Dear Parents and Families,

We are delighted to share the new report with you all. Please do take some time to read and digest it. We are very proud that the hard work, determination and dedication in the 2 years since the previous inspection has been recognised.

You may be aware, there is no one overall judgement given to schools anymore. Instead inspectors look at five areas and make judgements about these. The areas are - Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision. You will see the report reads very well, showing the strength in every area and outstanding judgements for Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision.

In the two day visit, both inspectors recognised the superb outcomes, happy staff, parents and children and wonderful opportunities in our school. Inspectors frequently commented on the transformational change that was evident and the strength in the school community as a whole.

The report showcases the many strengths of our school and we would like to share a few of the comments from the report with you here:

*This is a school where each member of its community believes firmly in 'letting your light shine'. Whether in terms of academic achievement, demonstrating the leadership qualities fostered in them by staff, or in more unique opportunities to develop their talents and interest, pupils achieve well here.*

*Leaders have transformed this school, rapidly tackling the issues identified at the last inspection.*

*Pupils behave especially well and take responsibility for making their school community one that is based on kindness.*

*Parents note the way that their children 'thrive' in care of staff who are committed to supporting their children.*

*A well-taught curriculum supports pupils in developing an increasing body of knowledge.*

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*Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are well supported in lessons. Staff understand their needs well and adapt their input to ensure pupils achieve well.*

*The early years provides an exceptionally positive start for children to the school.*

*The wider development of pupils is an increasing strength of the school.*

At this time of year, leaders always reflect on progress made in the last year and write our strategic plan for the next academic year. We are currently planning the next stage in our journey to achieving outstanding in all areas and will share this with you in due course.

We have uploaded a copy of the full report on the school website and it will be posted on the Ofsted website next week.

Thankyou all for your ongoing support – you are what makes Sissinghurst such a wonderful school.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Holman