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Dear Parent,

Our Estyn inspection report is published today. It seems like a lifetime away now, especially with the current situation!

We are delighted that Estyn were able to see the many positive aspects to our school as well as highlighting a few areas for us to continue to build upon and improve. Schools are ever changing and there are always aspects to work on, especially with a move into a new building.

We know how wonderful our children are and are so proud that Estyn were able to say that pupil behaviour across the school is exemplary. Most pupils are happy and have positive attitudes to their learning. Most feel safe in school and have a strong awareness of respect for others which they display through their daily interactions. They show consideration, courtesy and good manners when interacting with other pupils and adults. They engage confidently with each other and visitors and show an eagerness to discuss their learning and to share their thoughts and ideas.

We are also very proud of our head teacher, the senior management team and all of the staff for their hard work and dedication that they show to our children. Estyn highlight that nearly all pupils at Hay-on-Wye Primary School make good progress as they move through the school. Leaders and staff have created a calm, purposeful and supportive learning environment where pupils display very good behaviour, have positive attitudes to learning and show high levels of care and consideration for others. There is an engaging learning environment that utilises the extensive indoor space effectively and offers a wider range of learning opportunities for all pupils. The school's provision for pupils needing additional support is strong and this enables targeted pupils to make good progress in developing their social, emotional and communication skills. Teachers plan an interesting range of lessons and have positive working relationships with pupils and senior leaders have led the school well and managed the move into new premises effectively.





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We will have time to reflect on the report - to celebrate the successes and to ensure that the recommendations will become part of the school development plan for the next year. The development of the school grounds was already on the plan for this current year, but obviously the current situation will delay certain progress and it will just continue into next year and when we are able to return to school.

There will be a paper copy available for anyone who wishes on our return to school.

We hope that you are all managing to keep well and safe at this time and when we return, it will not be the "normal" that we have been used to for quite a while. However, the report states that "the school is an inclusive and welcoming community where adults and pupils show a high level of kindness and respect for each other" and that is exactly what we will need on our return in order to look after one another, to be happy and to keep safe.

Very best wishes,

Chair of Governors

Gordon Bingham

