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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware that the school was the subject of an unannounced Ofsted inspection on the 1st and 2nd of April. I want to write to you not only to share our response, but to reaffirm what so many of you already know: **this report does not tell the full story of The Oldershaw School**. There were a number of issues that the school felt unhappy with regarding the inspection itself and its subsequent report, we have challenged these, but do not feel listened to. We continue to believe that this report does not represent the school as we know it; it does not take into consideration the specific circumstances of our school its students, parents and staff.

Nevertheless, we will continue to work at improving the school at pace and will work closely with Ofsted to ensure that the school is able to improve its grading within the shortest possible timeframe.

As parents and carers, there may well be aspects of the report that concern you, but I can assure you that the leaders and staff of this school all continue to be passionate, ambitious and full of drive to provide the best possible provision for all of our students.

Although we disagree with much in the report, there are some areas where we do agree improvements can be made. These are areas we were aware of and already working to improve, though some of these improvements were in their infancy, but some are much more advanced.

We remain excited for the school its students and community. We are a school that holds our values of pride, kindness and resilience at the core of our practice and will continue to do so as we move quickly and decisively to address the report and its judgements. The Oldershaw way is to rise stronger than ever and fight for all within our school community.

If you have any questions around the report, please don't hesitate to contact the school through our school admin email address: schooladmin@oldershawschool.co.uk. Further details regarding a parent information evening will be shared with you before the end of term.

Sincere regards

Steve Fisher