



Friday 26th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it turned out to be a rather more eventful week than we imagined it would be on Monday morning. On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week we welcomed a team of four Ofsted inspectors to our school. They spent considerable time with students and colleagues, visiting many lessons and watching students moving around the school and interacting at break and lunchtime.

I am not permitted to share the outcome of the inspection outside the Governing Body and the Senior Leadership Team at this moment in time, but it will be shared with you within a few weeks. A paper copy of the report will be distributed to you via all children in due course and we shall also publish it on our website in the normal way and through Parent Mail.

Nevertheless, I can say that your sons and daughters were very special indeed on those days. We are very, very proud of them and how they reflected on you and also on us. That heavy rain and those wild winds on Wednesday were not ideal conditions, but your children brushed it off.

No-one and nowhere is perfect and whilst we certainly do have to manage all sorts of imperfections at Colmers, every child and every one of my colleagues at Colmers is very special and we will continue to give everything we have got to make the school even better.

Ofsted inspections are very demanding and so they should be – they exist so that parents and carers can be assured that their local school is providing a high quality education. The experience, whilst a *little* tiring, always proves to be invaluable in terms of having a really good look at ourselves. Every week and every day we are always seeking to find ways to improve and overcome barriers, this week has been priceless in pushing that process forward even further.

If you have read our [on-line self-evaluation](#) you will already know that we never claim to be perfect and instead we try to be a role model for all young people. As a school and individuals we have to look in a mirror and on one hand see the things that make us proud, but also the things that could be even better. Today is always the day to turn a weakness into a strength, a day to smash a barrier and create a path.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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