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6<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

**It's official: Willingdon Community School is "Good"!**

The Governing Body is delighted to have received the Ofsted Inspection report from the visit made on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

We had no doubt that the school would continue to be "Good". The report is littered with expressions such as "organised, calm and positive ethos!"; "strong relationships"; high expectations"; "behaviour – exemplary"; "effective action"; "teaching is improving"; "positive impact" ..... and where next steps for further improvement have been raised by the inspectors there were no surprises. **All** issues had already been identified by the school and were already being addressed.

We are particularly pleased that the report highlighted the positive impact Miss Beer has had on the school. She took on her first headship at a time of unprecedented change in education, including the huge areas of a new curriculum model and new assessment arrangements. You will know from the press that school budgets are under extreme pressure at the moment. To follow such a well established, popular and experienced Headteacher as Ian Jungius, was always going to be a huge ask and schools often dip when a new Head takes over. But that has not been the case at Willingdon – Miss Beer has hit the ground running; she is not fazed by difficult challenges and has had to make tough decisions. The report says "you (Miss Beer) have invigorated your school team. Your enthusiasm, passion and drive to improve pupils' outcomes have made a real difference because you have identified clearly where improvements need to be made".

Parents – and prospective parents - can rest assured that the school is in good hands and is going from strength to strength. We congratulate all the staff and pupils on this fantastic outcome and look forward to continuing on our journey of being the best that we can be.

Yours faithfully,



Clive Hale

**Chair of Governors**  
**Willingdon Community School**