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Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to inform you that Holtspur School & Pre-School has retained its 'good' judgement by Ofsted in our latest inspection.

There has been a lot of hard work behind the scenes to maintain this 'good' judgement, and we are thrilled that the efforts of Holtspur School & Pre-School staff have been recognised. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating everyone who works and volunteers at our school.

I wanted to draw your attention to the following feedback we received:

- Staff know pupils well and put them at the heart of everything they do. As a result, pupils are happy and enjoy coming to school.
- Through the nurture provision, 'Flourish', leaders and staff ensure that pupils' emotional needs are met and cared for.
- Respectful and responsible citizenship and building good character are at the heart of the school's values.
- Leaders in Pre-School and Reception have worked hard to ensure there is consistency in approaches across the early years foundation stage.
- Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are well supported across the school.
- Pupils celebrate difference and diversity.
- Pupils love reading and the teaching of Phonics is consistently effective across the school.
- During the changes in leadership over the last few years, the Acting Headteacher and her team have worked hard to ensure stability and consistency for the school.

We also want to thank everyone who completed Ofsted's Parent View survey. This is such valuable feedback, and we will read every comment to continue to make the school the best that it can be for your children.

You can access the report in full on the school website.

What this means for us now:

- Our senior leadership team will be reviewing the feedback received over the course of the inspection, and we will update our school improvement plan.
- We will inform governors, in an upcoming governing board meeting, how we plan to apply any feedback as part of our ongoing school improvement plan.

Our next inspection will be in approximately 4 years' time.

Thank you once again for all the support you continue to give the school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Warm regards,

Lea McKellar
Headteacher