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Dear Parents and Carers

It gives me great pleasure to share the full report from our recent Ofsted inspection. We are delighted with the report, as I hope you will be.

Our previous inspection was in May 2017. It was a full inspection, from which several individual judgements were made, resulting in a final grading of 'good'. As we had expected, this term's inspection was a 'lighter touch' visit, from which there were four possible outcomes, listed at the end of this letter.

We are thrilled to have received the best possible outcome. The report states, "Katharine Lady Berkeley's School continues to be a good school. There is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding if we were to carry out a graded (section 5) inspection now."

After months of nervous anticipation, at the end of a long school year, we received 'the call' and we prepared ourselves to welcome inspectors into the school. As you know, we all feel so proud of this school and we were anxious that our visitors found the 'real' KLB. I am glad to say that our students and staff rose to the occasion. Through challenging moments over the past few years, it isn't the first time I have been moved to see our amazing community pull together.

We were able to show the inspectors the progress we have made since the last inspection and to help them understand our vision for the school. Most importantly, they saw that this is a safe and happy community with opportunities and high expectations for all our learners.

The inspection experience was challenging but ultimately rewarding. I am truly grateful to all the parents who supported us through the process, whether it was by completing the Parent View questionnaire or via the many emails we received wishing us well. I will share the results of your feedback with you in full at the start of next year when I write to share our thoughts about our strategic agenda.

I would also like to thank our staff who do what they do every day to improve outcomes and opportunities for our students. And to the students, who the report says are proud to attend this school, thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors for KLB.

I am excited about our future but, for now, I think we can close the year in an upbeat and positive frame of mind - and then enjoy a well-deserved break.

Best wishes



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<https://klbschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/PDFs/ofsted/KLB-Ofsted-report-May-2023.pdf>

Outcome 1 – the school continues to be a good school. This is the most common outcome.

Outcome 2 – the school was previously judged to be good and it remains so and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that it might be judged outstanding if it received a section 5 inspection at the time of the section 8 inspection.

Outcome 3 – the lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would receive at least its current grade if a section 5 inspection were carried out at the time of the section 8 inspection.

Outcome 4 – the lead inspector has gathered evidence that suggests that the good may now be inadequate in one or more of the graded judgements under a section 5 inspection, and there are serious concerns about the quality of education, pupils' behaviour or safeguarding.