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## RE: New Ofsted Framework

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that since November 2025 there has been a new Ofsted Framework that is applicable to all schools. This means that the way that schools are inspected and reported on has changed.

The most noticeable changes that parents and carers will observe are:

- The overall effectiveness grade has been removed.
- Reporting to parents will now take the form of a report card.
- The report card evaluation areas are different.
- The words used to classify a school in a given graded area are different.

As it is the biggest change in the way schools are reported on in quite some time, it is worth noting that there is no correlation between the old grading system and the new grading system. Under the old inspection framework, a school would be graded either outstanding, good, requires improvement or inadequate.

However, under the new Ofsted grading system, the definitions are very different. For example, Ofsted now define the new grading 'expected standard' as a 'high standard'. Ofsted now define the new Ofsted grading 'strong standard' as 'excellent and consistent', whereas the Ofsted grade 'exceptional' is likened to 'the very best nationally'. The report card evaluation areas are; Safeguarding, Inclusion, Curriculum and Teaching, Achievement, Attendance and Behaviour, Personal Development and Well-being, Early Years and, Leadership and Governance.

To help parents and carers understand the new reporting measures and expectations, Ofsted have produced a short (3 minutes) but useful [online You Tube guide](#) to support parents and carers. Please do take the time to watch this.

As you may know, Mayespark was graded as Good in November 2023. Ofsted usually inspects schools every four years.

Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely

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