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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm writing to inform you that Asterdale Primary School has been judged by Ofsted to be 'requires improvement' in our latest inspection which took place in June. (Ofsted's new inspection framework focusses upon a broad and balanced curriculum delivery rather than pupil outcomes).

As you can imagine, as a school we're disappointed in this grading – but we recognise there's always a need for improvement and our school remains on a curriculum improvement journey. Ofsted recognised that our school is rapidly improving and we're disappointed that this judgment doesn't reflect the continued effort and expertise our staff put into our school every day. The school is judged on 5 categories and any grading below good in any individual category labels the school as R.I. You can see below each category, Ofsted judgements and the actions we will be taking to improve each area.

Judgement category	Grading	What this means for improvement at Asterdale
Quality of Education	Requires Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to embed our new curriculum approach (which was complimented by Ofsted) with a focus on core knowledge learning and vocabulary. Continue to review our curriculum delivery in some subject areas. Continue embedding pupils' memory skills for learning over time through regular assessment. SEND support strategies will be reviewed and refined to ensure all learners make maximum progress. Continue the successful Little Wandle phonics scheme to support weakest readers with confidence and increased fluency.
Behaviour and Attitudes	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain excellent behaviour in school. Continue excellent Forest School offer.
Personal Development	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversity - increased awareness of different faiths and cultures through new PSHE scheme, enrichment opportunities and whole-school assemblies. Continue the excellent school enrichment calendar.
Leadership and Management	Requires Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership team is now established and will continue to drive rapid improvement. Increased training for governors. Further training for all staff so that subjects are delivered with strong quality first teaching. Processes for monitoring impact will be improved including behaviour recording, SEND, assessment and subject monitoring. Continue termly report cards for pupil progress so that parents remain informed about how well pupils achieve.
Early Years provision	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further improve our outdoor learning provision for Early Years.
Safeguarding	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain excellent standards for safeguarding reporting. DSL team working together with parents.

I would like to draw your attention to the following positive feedback we received:

- Asterdale Primary School has a strong vision for all ('together we can').
- There is a strong culture of nurture at our school.
- We are proud of all pupils – pupils always behave well, and pupils respect each other and their differences.
- Wellbeing is important – pastoral support is a strength of our school.
- Pupils feel safe and are confident – they enjoy attending our friendly and caring school.
- Safeguarding is effective across school.
- Our community engagement is strong.
- Impact of new schemes and initiatives is recognised – (Little Wandle).
- Early years provision is a strength of the school.
- Impact of reading investment – pupils enjoy reading.

I also wanted to personally 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.

The report is enclosed for you to read and will be published on our school website.

What this means for us now:

- Our school will continue to maintain the 3 good Ofsted judgement categories.
- Our senior leadership team, governors and school improvement team have been busy reviewing all the feedback we received over the course of the inspection in depth, and we have updated our school improvement plan in detail with robust measures for rapid improvement in our R.I categories.
- We'll receive another inspection within approximately 2 years.

Thank you once again for all the support you continue to give the school.

If you have any questions, please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

David Evans
Headteacher