

## DRUMBEAT DOWNHAM

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will remember the school had an Ofsted Inspection at the end of last term. We received the Inspection report yesterday and I have attached a copy to this letter. Ofsted graded the school 'Good' in all the 5 key areas. Generally speaking, I am pleased with the findings of the report. The school is still 'young' in its development and whilst the report points to areas of further development, I am pleased to see that inspectors recognised the school's strengths, for example that students throughout the school achieve well. I was very pleased that inspectors recognised that the school's work to keep students safe and secure is outstanding. I am sure you will join me in congratulating all involved, staff, pupils, families and governors. The school will take on board the recommendations of the report to improve marking, set appropriately challenging work for all students and use different forms of communication.

The school is never complacent and is driven by the determination to provide the very best possible teaching and learning opportunities for all pupils. We strive to never lose sight of the children and young people's individual needs and we continually want to provide a caring and supportive ethos to our children and families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers who completed the Ofsted parental survey on-line and who spoke to inspectors when they were in school. Drumbeat strives to be friendly, open and responsive in all matters and welcomes your comments, concerns and feedback throughout the year. The school will formulate an action plan from the Ofsted report and we will communicate this to you in the next few weeks. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of the report.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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