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Dear Parents,

The final report from our recent OFSTED Inspection is now available to parents and will be published on the OFSTED website within the next few days. A copy of the report is attached to this letter and will also be placed on the school website.

We are disappointed that the school has been judged as inadequate by OFSTED but accept the report and the OFSTED findings. You will see from the report that the school needs to make significant improvements across all key stages. We want to reassure you that the staff, governors and Local Authority are working together to secure rapid improvements in the identified areas in the report and are committed to providing the best education and outcomes for the children at Simms Cross.

We were pleased that OFSTED acknowledged that, '**The recently appointed headteacher and governors have an accurate picture of the school's position. Their plans for improvement are well focused.**' However, OFSTED found that there has not been enough time to show long term impact and address all the challenges identified in the report.

It was also pleasing that the inspection team agreed with the school that your children '**are friendly and polite to visitors**' and '**typically move around the school safely**' and that it '**is contributing well to pupils' understanding of British values and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development**'.

One of the key areas identified for improvement is pupil attendance. You may have already noticed strategies we have put in place to improve and reward good attendance, but we do need parental support to ensure pupils are in school, and on time, every day.

To give you an opportunity to hear the developments we have already made and to our future improvement plans we would like to invite you to a parents' meeting at school on 8th January 2019. So that the school can make the necessary arrangements, if you are going to attend, please complete the slip overleaf and return it to the school office.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and we are confident that, by working together with all parents, we can secure the necessary improvements and we look forward to having the opportunity to talk further with you at the meeting in the new year.

Yours faithfully,

D. Denton

Mrs Dee Denton
Chair of Governors
Miss Gillian Rowland
Headteacher

'Shoot for the moon and you'll land among the stars.'



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OFSTED PARENTS' MEETING

Please fill in the slip below to indicate which meeting you will be attending.

8 th January 2019	Time	Number of parents / carers attending
Resource Base Briefing	2:00 – 2:45pm	
Early Years	3:15 – 4pm	
KS1 Year 1 1/2 2	4:15pm – 5pm	
KS2 Year 3 3/4 4	5:15 – 6pm	
KS2 Year 5 5/6 6	6:15 – 7pm	

Many Thanks