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Ofsted Inspection Report - 25th & 26th April 2023

Dear families,

I am delighted to share with you that the full Section 5 Graded Ofsted Report from our two-day inspection in April is now available on our school website. When Ofsted inspected our school on 25th & 26th April 2023, they agreed that:

South Kirkby Academy is a GOOD school in ALL areas.

Overall Effectiveness: GOOD

The Quality of Education: GOOD

Behaviour and Attitudes: GOOD

Personal Development: GOOD

Leadership and Management: GOOD

We are thrilled with this result and I am so proud to be the Headteacher of our brilliant school. The benchmark for a 'Good' grading is particularly high in the current framework and the inspection was a thorough, robust and professionally rigorous process, but also very fair.

The two-day inspection included observing lessons, talking to school leaders, teachers, support staff, children, parents/carers, as well as looking at lesson plans, the children's books, the parent/carer survey and other documentation and reports prepared by the school.

The hard work that has been undertaken over the past two years by all school staff, including the invaluable support from our families, Waterton Academy Trust and our governing body, has significantly raised standards since the last time the school was inspected. Our school's vision of creating a vibrant, inclusive, safe and nurturing school which transforms life chances for children through excellent teaching, learning and opportunity has been recognised by Ofsted.

We will of course continue to improve the school using the areas for improvement identified by myself and school leaders that have been agreed by Ofsted to ensure South Kirkby Academy keeps moving from strength to strength.

Please take the time to read the inspection report in full to see what we do well and what our next steps are to become an even better school. It is available to read on our school website, will be shared via MCAS and text, and there will be printed copies available in the office if you cannot access it digitally.

I would like to personally thank the children of South Kirkby Academy for making working here an absolute delight, our families for their support and belief in our school, and of course a huge thank you to my fantastic team of staff who make it all possible every day.

Mr Adam Potter
Headteacher