Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to attach the letter from Her Majesty’s Inspectors following our recent OFSTED inspection, which confirms that **Stanhope is a good school.**

This is an excellent achievement for our children, staff and governors, and I am extremely proud of them all.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Parent View. Your support for Stanhope came across very strongly, and it was great to hear how complimentary you are of the **new energy within the school.**

The inspector was very impressed with how our pupils conducted themselves, and noted how they enjoy their lessons, sharing with him their love of books. **‘The impact of the staff’s work to ignite in pupils a genuine desire to read and treasure books of all kinds is a strength of the school.’**

Pupils he met told him how **‘they feel very safe in school… staff always sort out quickly the very small amount of bullying that happens and do so fairly…one pupil explained, to the hearty agreement of others, ‘You can trust the teachers with anything.’**

As we were awarded ‘good’ at our last inspection, a one-day inspection was carried out. One-day inspections are reported as a letter from the Inspector to the head teacher. It highlights our strengths, our work since the last inspection and our next steps. These will be to focus on Phonics, Reading attainment and ATTENDANCE.

The report will be published on the OFSTED website within the next week, and we will provide a link to this from our website too. Thank you once again for all your support. If you have any questions regarding the letter, please do speak to myself or governors.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Calderwood and the Stanhope team