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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share with you the Ofsted report from the inspection of Charles Darwin School which took place in June and found that Charles Darwin School continues to be a 'Good' school. The report will also be accessible via the school website and published on the official Ofsted report website in the next few days.

The purpose of the Ofsted inspection was to gauge whether Charles Darwin School continues to be 'Good' as indicated in our previous report in January 2018. The inspection process was robust, positive, and very thorough in terms of evaluating the quality of provision at our School.

I know many parents responded to the Ofsted questionnaire and I am grateful to everyone who contributed with their own evaluative input. Whilst overall Ofsted judged that Charles Darwin School continues to be 'good', it is worth pointing out that it was adjudicated as being 'Good' across all the inspection areas. This is a superb achievement for the School and is recognition of the excellent work undertaken by pupils, staff, governors and parents, not just recently but over a period of time.

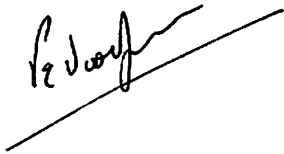
When you read the report in full you will see that it is overwhelmingly positive. It acknowledges the positive ethos of the School, the many attributes of the students, the skill and hard work of the staff team overlaid with diligent oversight of school leaders.

We are acutely aware that ensuring the high standards that are recognised in this report is not a straightforward task. This in particular in the current challenging context of post pandemic recovery, cost of living hardship, a teacher recruitment crisis and a demanding inspection regime.

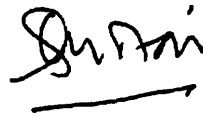
We would therefore like to use this opportunity to thank everyone in the staff team at Charles Darwin School for their considerable hard work and diligence, ensuring the high standards that the report rightly highlights. In particular, we think it is important that we acknowledge the work that Headteacher, Aston Smith, and his senior staff team have undertaken; leading the work of the School with a clarity of purpose that has been crucial in yielding good benefits for the pupils that are recognised in the report. We also want to thank the governors and trustees for their considerable energy, time and skilful input.

As a School, and with the support of the Trust, we will continue to strive to improve. It is our challenge to see that every element of our work reaches the highest possible levels. We know that we will have your support in this work to help make Charles Darwin School exceptional for all our pupils.

Yours sincerely,

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Paul Woolfenden
Chair
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