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Dear Families,

As I know you are all aware, we recently had a visit from Ofsted and we can now share the outcome from the visit and the report. We are delighted to share with you that our school received the judgement of OUTSTANDING.

This is a gigantic achievement for our school and its community. Under the new Ofsted framework, only one other primary school in South Yorkshire has achieved an outstanding judgement since September 2019. This achievement is down to so many people and I'd like to take the time to thank some people who made this dream possible.

Firstly, and most importantly, this judgement belongs to our children. Since I joined the school in 2018, they have taught me so much about humility, strength and equality. I love our children so much and I am so proud to represent them. They've shown that through hard work and a desire to achieve, anything is possible. They are a huge part of why we received the outstanding grade and I am forever grateful to them for making our school the best it can be. When I spoke to some of our school leaders a few years ago, one told me that, 'A school like ours would never get outstanding.' Children, just remember that no one can dampen your dreams and stop you when you truly want to achieve something. You've created thousands of memories for me, that will last a lifetime and I hope that we've done the same for you.

I need to thank our families from the bottom of my heart. I remember meeting you all in an Easter assembly in 2018 and you all told me how you felt about the school and what changes we needed to make. Any strong relationship is built on trust and honesty and we have those traits in abundance. You have always supported myself and our staff to make our school a truly unique place. It's extremely rare to create the culture that we have at Coleridge and that is due to how much you care for your children. Eastwood is often in the press for the 'wrong reasons' but I love our community and this outstanding judgement just shows that our area has so many positive things happening. We should be proud to say we belong to the Eastwood community and you should be proud of the love, care and generosity you give your children and our school.

I think you will all agree that our staff are simply the best. They have been on this journey with us for 4 years now and they work tirelessly to ensure our children get the best education and environment to thrive. Our staff prioritise our pupils above anything else and I am privileged to lead them. The report doesn't just capture the fabulous education we provide but the love and care that every member of staff shows towards your children. If it's a teacher or a TA, a cook or a senior leader. All our staff care, it's a natural quality that Coleridge staff have and I am so excited to see where our future goes. With our staff, I know anything is possible.

I also really want to thank my leadership team for their unwavering support over the past few years. Thank You Mrs Shaw for putting up with me for four years (no one knows how) and for always being the voice of reason. You have worked tirelessly to improve teaching and learning since joining school and we wouldn't be in this strong position without you. Thank you to Mrs Kay for having a relentless drive for excellence across the curriculum and for making sure that our children receive the best possible education. Thank you to Miss Warner for turning around our EYFS. A parent recently said to me that, 'She wished her daughter had been in EYFS when Mrs Warner was here!' I think these types of comments show what a wonderful leader she is. I am so lucky to work with these three fierce ladies and thank you for always making sense of my crazy ideas.

There are so many other people we need to thank. Some of our partners go above and beyond for our community. Some members of staff such as Mrs McArdle and Mrs Stevens have recently left, but their legacy lives long in the culture of our school. I know Mrs Holland will be looking down on us now and will be beaming with pride with our result. Our community meant everything to her and this report is dedicated in her honour as it encapsulates everything that she was.

Thank you to Hope Church, Live and Learn, Camerados, REMA, Rotherham Inclusion and psychologist team, the Local Authority, Mr Young, Jill Foster, Imam Hafiz, Rachel and Dan from Porsche, John Bell, Angham Ahmed, Ray Griffiths and our wonderful Trust for always going above and beyond to give our pupils the best.

Finally, I just need to personally thank my family. They sacrifice so much to ensure I can do the best job possible. Thank you, girls, I love you loads.

Thank you for everything and please brag about this to everyone; it's something we should all be proud of.

Love,  
Mr Tankard