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Assalaamu Alaikum WW,

Alhamdulillah as some of you may be aware; we have received feedback of our Ofsted Inspection which took place on the 28th November 2017. By the grace of the Almighty we were seen to have a strong foundation and are 'on par' with our previous rating. The inspectors mentioned that they felt the 'Nursery provides children with a rapid start' which is a result of your continued support and engagement with Al-Ashraf Nursery.

During the Primary School inspection we were notified by Ofsted that there will be no further isolated inspection and grading for the nursery as a separate entity to the Primary School. This is due to the changes in legislations in 2015, in which Ofsted has deemed us as a single organisation. As a result the Governors are looking at options and ways forward on how we structure ourselves in the future.

However we had a half day inspection as part of the Primary School inspection and the link to the full report can be found on the Al-Ashraf Nursery website. Some notable and key messages from the report that we'd like to share with you:

- Teaching is of high quality and children enjoy a wide range of stimulating activities
- Many good practices are seen to be present in the Nursery
- Effective safeguarding systems in place and a strong safeguarding culture exists within the setting
- Children are supported very well during their initial introduction to school
- Staff have a sound understanding of the needs and interests of the children
- Staff have solid understanding of developments in early years education
- The existence of robust accountability for the progress of children and development of the staff.

Jzk to everyone who took the time to share their views, providing vital insight into how we are working as an organisation to the inspectors. May the Almighty reward you for your efforts and assistance,

Feedback from the Inspectors showed that a majority of parents believe that we are truly delivering a safe and secure Islamic environment for our pupils, which is in line with our mission statement; 'Firm root, branches in the sky'. It also forms the basis of the learning journey and our ambition to be a 'truly outstanding early years setting providing an education built around an Islamic ethos'. We are an organisation which is here to serve the community under the guidance of the Ulemaa, learned Apas and qualified, experienced nursery assistants. We always endeavour to strike a good balance between our goals of an Islamic environment and the EYFS learning framework.

Alhamdulillah we are still committed to listening to your views and suggestions; constantly striving to make improvements for the betterment of our nursery. Insha Allah we hope to continue to make sure that parents and pupils are at the heart of every decision we make, so that together, we can ensure that our children have a secure foundation in their early school years. Jzk for your continued support.

Please remember the nursery staff, volunteers and all its pupils in your duaas.

Al-Ashraf Nursery Management (NWC)