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# We are Outstanding!

*“The school is now a shining example of early years excellence”*

(Ofsted, March 2017)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am absolutely delighted to report that as a result of our Ofsted inspection on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we have been judged as an **outstanding school**. We are very proud of this amazing achievement. The report says that, “The school gives every child a chance to shine and all of them do extremely well.” It is good that it has been recognised that the support we give for all our children helps them to do the best they can.

A summary of the inspection report is attached to this letter and full copies of the report are available from the school office and on our website. Please read the many pleasing comments about our children, staff and school. I hope that you are as thrilled as we are that your child attends an outstanding school.

I am extremely grateful to the staff across the whole school for working so hard both before and during the inspection. Many thanks also to all parents who completed the questionnaire and spoke to the inspector, which showed the school in such a positive light. I would also like to thank the governors for their contributions to the leadership and management of the school.

Finally, I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Arlesdene and of our achievements. The staff, governors and I are fully committed to working together with you in order to continue to improve and to do the best we can for all our children.

The report is now on our school website <http://arlesdene.herts.sch.uk/>, our Facebook page and will also be available on the Ofsted website [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Kind regards,

Catherine Croft (Headteacher)