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Dear Noah's Ark Parents,

On behalf of the Governors, I have pleasure in sharing with you the report from the inspection of the school conducted earlier this term by the Independent School Inspectorate (ISI).

To put the report into context, the Governors and the Principal elected this year to join the Independent Schools Association. This is the body to which 350 of the most elite private schools in the UK belong. ISI is the government approved inspection arm of ISA. We are now therefore being measured against a peer group of the best schools in the country. This move reflects both the level of maturity that Dolphin and Noah's Ark have reached and a deliberate policy to ensure that we aspire to provide the highest levels of education and care in the country. A full list of member schools can be found at <http://www.isaschools.org.uk/isa-schools.php>.

The inspection that we had is called an Integrated Inspection as it included Dolphin School and the three Noah's Ark Nursery Schools. Therefore, the judgements made for the Early Years are across Noah's Ark and Dolphin School's Reception classes and cannot be broken down to specific settings. Please read the whole report as mention is made to the Early Years throughout, but there is an Early Years section which starts on Page 15.

I am delighted to say that the inspection report is extremely encouraging.

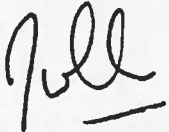
In the Early Years section, the school was commended for making outstanding provision in meeting the needs of the range of children who attend. The contribution to the children's well-being was also graded as outstanding. Overall, the quality of pupils' achievements and learning, the contribution of teaching, and the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils and the arrangements for pastoral care were all judged to be excellent. The school also received an overall approval rating of 97% from the parents which is almost unprecedented in the experience of the inspectors.

The report also offers some useful recommendations for improvement, in particular in the area of administration, and school policies. All suggestions for improvement in this area have already been implemented. The appointment of a governor with specific expertise in education has also been made. All other recommendations in the report have either already been acted upon or have been integrated into the short term section of the Governors' development plan.

In any event, please may we encourage you to read the full report which is attached in this email and will also shortly be available on the Noah's Ark Nurseries website.

I hope you will join me in congratulating all of the staff on this strong endorsement of their dedication to the education of all the children in their care. May I wish you and your children a very enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Sharman', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Jeremy Sharman
Chair of Governors