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Gayhurst Community School

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Dear families of Gayhurst,

We are delighted to be sharing the outcome of the recent inspection at Gayhurst with you at last. The 2-day full inspection took place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

It is now official, Gayhurst is 'Outstanding' in all areas which is the highest possible accolade the school can receive.

This is set against a national picture where schools have mainly been downgraded from *Outstanding* so this will give you a context to how challenging it is to achieve this for any school so we are immensely proud.

OFSTED's own definition is: *'Outstanding is a challenging and exacting judgement. In order to reach this standard, inspectors will determine whether the school meets all the criteria for good under that judgement, and does so securely and consistently'*.

In relation to the media coverage given to OFSTED recently, which is questioning the impact of the process on communities and particularly on school staff, this makes us all painfully aware of what can happen, when things don't go well. We will continue to work from within the system to make sure things do improve.

We thank you for the enormous show of warmth and support that you gave all of us in telling us that you would support us no matter what the outcome.

We hope you will enjoy reading the attached report and know how proud we are of what every child, staff member, parent and governor has achieved with this judgement.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Pedro  
Headteacher

Louise Nichols  
Executive Headteacher



**Executive Headteacher: Louise Nichols    Headteacher: Karen Pedro**  
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