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Dear Parents,

I am writing to notify you that Estyn has published their inspection report on the school. It can be accessed on their website.

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/marlborough-primary-school>

Should you wish a paper copy, please ask at the reception office.

Working at Marlborough and being a part of this wonderful community is an immense privilege and a pleasure. On a daily basis our pupils ignite and inspire our commitment to provide them with the strong foundations on their journey to becoming lifelong learners.

I am pleased that the report recognised the kind, thoughtful, creative, imaginative and motivated pupils that we have at Marlborough.

- *Nearly all pupils feel safe and valued. They behave very well and are polite, caring and respectful towards each other and adults.*
- *They are tolerant, polite, caring and respectful.*
- *Most pupils feel safe in school and know where to go if they have any worries or concerns.*
- *The school is a caring and inclusive community that helps to develop strong personal social and emotional links.*

Equally, I am pleased that the inspection team recognised the impact of Visible Learning and working with internationally renowned educationalist such as Shirley Clarke on developing our pupils' learning skills.

- *They have positive attitudes to learning, which is a strength of the school.*
- *Pupils' positive attitudes to learning contribute well to their success as they progress through the school. Most pupils are confident, capable and resilient learners.*
- *Across the school, pupils are involved in shaping their own learning by contributing their ideas and interests at the start of topics.*

On behalf of the Marlborough team I would like to thank you for the immense support that you give the school and I am pleased that our strong partnership work was recognised by the inspectors.

As staff we have found it helpful to understand the Estyn terminology when reading the report and as such I have also shared this with you in the box below.



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Nearly all	With very few exceptions
Most	90% or more
Many	70% or more
A majority	Over 60%
Half	50%
Around half	Close to 50%
A minority	Below 40%
Few	Below 20%
Very few	Less than 10%

The report identifies three recommendations for the school to continue to work on. These will be incorporated into our improvement planning cycle.

I am very blessed to work with a talented high performing team of colleagues.

- *Nearly all staff fulfil their roles conscientiously and work well together as a close and effective team.*

Together, we will continue to develop high standards and provision for our pupils.

My commitment and passion to realising our vision of *Aiming for Excellence* remains as strong and resolute as ever.

Yours sincerely,

Geraldine Foley
Headteacher

