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Dear Colleague

The Orchard Primary School: Ofsted's interim assessment

I am pleased to provide some important information relating to The Orchard Primary School.

As you are aware, during its last inspection in May 2011, Ofsted judged your school to be good. Since 1 September 2009, Ofsted has varied the frequency of inspections for good and outstanding schools. This takes account of the school's previous inspection(s) and a risk assessment conducted by Ofsted. Most schools judged to be good at their most recent section 5 inspection will normally be inspected within five years rather than three years, depending on the results of this assessment process.

Schools judged to be good at their most recent inspection are normally subject to a risk assessment during the third academic year after the end of the academic year in which the school was last inspected. This 'interim assessment' informs Ofsted's decision about when to inspect the school next. The assessment considers and evaluates various sources of information, as follows:

- pupils' attainment, including the attainment of significant groups of pupils with a focus on disabled pupils and those who have special educational needs, and pupils' attainment in core subjects
- pupils' progress, including the progress made by different groups of pupils
- pupils' attendance
- any inspection visits carried out by Ofsted since the last routine inspection;
- qualifying complaints¹²²³ about the school referred to Ofsted by parents or carers;
- results from Parent View

¹²²³ Ofsted has specific powers (under section 11a–c of the Education Act 2005, as amended) to investigate certain complaints, known as qualifying complaints.

- any other significant issues brought to Ofsted's attention, including from the relevant local authority.

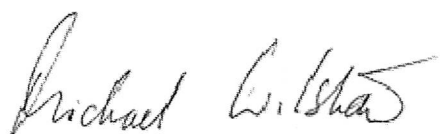
The results of the interim assessment

I am pleased to inform you that the interim assessment of your school indicates that its performance has been sustained. As a result, the school's next inspection will not take before the summer term 2015. However, should Ofsted receive information that raises significant concerns about the school in the course of the coming year, we may conduct an earlier inspection.

An interim assessment letter accompanies this notification, which you are required to distribute to all registered parents and carers of registered pupils at your school within five working days¹²²⁴. A copy of this letter will be placed on the Ofsted website (www.ofsted.gov.uk).

I wish everyone involved in the school continued success in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael Wilshaw". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sir Michael Wilshaw
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

¹²²⁴It is a statutory requirement under section 14A(4)(C) of the Education Act 2005 (as amended) for the appropriate authority for the school to distribute the interim statement to all registered parents of registered pupils (including parents of pupils who may be sick and excluded pupils who remain on the school roll) within the period prescribed by regulations.