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Dear children and parents,

I write to you to provide further explanation in relation to our Ofsted report. Myself, Staff and Governors are disappointed by the outcome and although there are many positives highlighted, it doesn't reflect the continual hard work and improvement journey that the school has been on over the last few years.

The report clearly states that children feel valued, cared for and well supported by all staff, and feel safe at school in a calm and orderly environment. It also highly praised reading which underpins the whole curriculum.

We have also continued to make improvements to all areas of provision at school, and this is reflected in our improved outcomes for pupil assessments. However, these were not taken into account as at the time of inspection, they were not validated. It is also clear that our continual focus on core subjects of English and Maths has contributed to these outcomes, but has meant that we have only implemented our revamped curriculum for the foundation subjects from September (2022). Many other schools are in a similar position and are currently revamping their curriculum. Our curriculum, in terms of coverage and sequencing, is clearly defined now in all subjects, and this will now be developed further in each subject. The inspection team also noted that since the new curriculum was implemented in September, children are learning more and remembering more knowledge and skills.

The main priority now for our curriculum is to focus on end points. We have these in place, but they were considered too broad and not conducive to the assessment process. We are now prioritising this next term to ensure these are more precise and closely link to assessment, which will then enable us to address any gaps in learning in the foundation subjects which resulted from school closures during Covid-19, for example.

We also continue to try to ensure that children are prepared for the next steps of their education and life in modern Britain and during the inspection it was noted that activities are already planned for this across the curriculum but this is not yet embedded, but the majority of children at school are not able to speak confidently about these Fundamental British Values. School improvement will focus on ensuring children are remembering these values.

Finally, we have recently had much change in the Governing Board. We now have a strong board of Governors and over time, they will become more aware of school policies and their implementation in school. Although the Governor role is voluntary, training will be provided for Governors through us joining Truro and Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT).

I hope this clarifies further the points raised in the report. I want to make it abundantly clear that Nanpean is a lovely school to be a part of where children are safe, happy and making good progress in their learning. Myself, Staff and Governors will continue to work extremely hard to ensure a more positive outcome during our next inspection.

Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).

