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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the finalised Ofsted report for Forest Moor School, which you can find attached to this letter. This report marks a significant milestone in our journey of continuous improvement.

I am incredibly proud to inform you that Forest Moor School has been rated as **GOOD** by Ofsted in all key areas, including the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, and leadership and management. This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

The report highlights several key positive points:

**Significant Improvements:** The school has made substantial progress in recent years with the support from the Wellspring Academy Trust. Our curriculum in subjects like English and mathematics has been carefully tailored to meet the needs of our students, ensuring they achieve formal qualifications before leaving school.

**Strong Reading Culture:** Reading is given high priority at our school. Pupils enjoy dedicated time every day for phonics and reading development, which helps them build fluency and confidence.

**Supportive Environment:** The school provides a nurturing environment where pupils with complex social, emotional, and mental health (SEMH) needs feel safe and supported. Staff are well-trained to manage behaviour and provide a calm and caring approach in all interventions.

**Deep Knowledge of Students:** Our staff know the students extremely well, allowing them to tailor support and interventions to meet individual needs effectively. This deep understanding contributes to the positive and trusting relationships between staff and pupils, fostering a supportive learning environment.

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**Enrichment Opportunities:** Pupils benefit from a broad curriculum that includes opportunities for outdoor learning and activities like caring for the school's animals, which help them develop social skills and personal interests.

This achievement could not have been possible without the unwavering support from our students, staff, parents, carers, and the Wellspring Academy Trust. Together, we have transformed Forest Moor School from a school that had been in poor standing for over a decade into an amazing SEMH special school that meets the needs of all our students.

As the Principal, I am incredibly proud of our collective efforts and the positive impact we have made on our students' lives. I look forward to continuing this journey of improvement and achieving even greater successes in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Roberts", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Roberts  
Principal

Forest Moor School.