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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year at Heath Lane Nursery School and Children's Club.

This week we have had new children starting at nursery and club. It will be a few weeks before they feel truly settled into the new routines so please ensure your children have plenty of sleep to help them through this time of change. If you have any queries or concerns please speak to your child's key worker.

I am very pleased to enclose the report from the Ofsted inspectors who visited us in July who have graded the nursery school and club "good" overall. The new Ofsted grading reflects two major changes in the last year. Firstly the Ofsted criteria for the grades is now more detailed and rigorous under the new inspection framework. Secondly it will take some time for the changes initiated by the new leadership at the nursery and club to be embedded into normal practice and this includes the new assessment data which evaluates children's attainment now as above average.

I am sure you will agree with the main findings of the report which highlighted the extent to which the curriculum meets children's needs, children's behaviour and the extent to which children feel safe as "outstanding."

I would like to thank all the staff and the governors who have worked very hard to continually improve the outcomes for children at our setting. Thank you too, to the families of children who left nursery and club in July. They were very complimentary about their experiences here and were able to share this with the Ofsted inspectors.

The inspector has written a special letter for you to share with your children which you will find at the end of the report. If you have any queries about any aspect of the report please let me know.

With best wishes for a happy and successful time at Heath Lane

Mrs R Heath

