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Dear Parents/Carers,

This year, we have joined a highly regarded, nationwide network of schools called Challenge Partners.

As a member of this network, schools receive training and networking opportunities, as well as an external review.

Our first yearly Challenge Partners quality assurance review took place on Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th February and the Team found Alderwood to be 'Good' for Teaching and Learning and Outcomes and 'Outstanding' in Strategies for Further Improvement.

The Challenge Partners Team consisted of a Lead Reviewer, who was also a serving Ofsted Inspector, and two fellow senior leaders from other schools. None of the team were previously known to Alderwood. They watched a variety of lessons from across the school and visited our DSP. They also met with teachers, leaders and children to form their overall judgement.

The Team found that leaders at Alderwood have 'the highest of expectations' for our pupils and that our 'drive for excellence has brought about significant and rapid improvement'. They also noted that 'relationships between pupils and adults and pupils are excellent' and show 'trust and respect' and that our wonderful learning environment was 'exceptional' and used well to 'drive expectations'.

We were also awarded an 'Area of Excellence' for our learning environment as the Team felt it was truly exemplary.

We have published the full report on our website for you to read at your convenience.

We are very pleased that the great learning at Alderwood has been recognised by the review team and would like to thank our children, staff and parents for the continued hard work and support that make Alderwood such a great place to be.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of Governors



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