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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you today to make you aware of some of the changes that Ofsted have made to their inspection framework.

You may or may not be aware that last year Ofsted ran a national consultation on the way in which they inspect schools and as a result produced a revised framework.

I draw your attention to this as schools generally get inspected every four years, and the last inspection of St Crispin's School was in May of 2022, so we will be in the inspection window this academic year.

The revised framework will result in a school receiving a new type of report known as a toolkit, which will effectively grade the school across a number of different areas using a five-point scale.

The detail of the framework and how it will be used can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-inspection-framework/education-inspection-framework-for-use-from-november-2025>

In essence, one-word judgements have now gone, and an inspection is to be viewed a little bit more like a car's MOT, identifying areas of a school that are working as expected, some that may be strong and some that may require attention.

As this toolkit has only just been rolled out across the country, it is difficult to know what it will look like and what the general expected standard will be.

Like most schools, St Crispin's has a number of strengths and some areas that we are working to strengthen. We would expect a mixture of grades across the different areas of the school, hopefully highlighting what we are doing well, and reinforcing where we can improve.

We strongly believe that as a school, we always focus our attention on what is best for our students and our community, and do not do things for the sake of Ofsted. Our school improvement priorities are based on where we think we need to go next and have been informed by your views as parents, what the students are telling us and what our data is saying.

I am looking forward to showcasing all that is great about St Crispin's and hope that you will support us when the time comes.

Mr Peter Griffiths
Headteacher

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