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Dear Parents and Carers

Staff and pupils at Woodside School were visited on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 by HMI Helen Matthews who carried out a one day monitoring visit under Section 8 of the Ofsted Common Inspection Framework. Please find enclosed a copy of the letter. This is also available as a link on Woodside's website and on the Ofsted website under Inspection Reports.

We are delighted that Helen Matthews recognised the hard work of staff across the school and are pleased with the improvements that have been made so far. We are still striving to improve the school even further so that Woodside can become a centre of excellence.

In the report Helen Matthews comments on the provision made for pupils at the Belvedere site located on Halt Robin Road. The London Borough of Bexley has been undertaking a project for some years to move all of the pupils currently being educated on the Woodside Halt Robin Road site (Belvedere), phase 1, involving the primary cohort, has been achieved through the new provision opened in September 2016 at Parkway School. No new primary age pupils have been admitted to the Belvedere site since that date. In September 2017 one Year 6 class will remain.

The Local Authority are now addressing the remaining secondary school cohort through a two stage approach with the first stage providing additional temporary places on the Erith site, located on Colyers Lane, whilst the second stage is the building of the new SEN Free School co-located on the Cleeve Park School site. The highest priority for both the Local Authority and Woodside School is to ensure that these changes are implemented smoothly and with the least effect on the pupils involved. A big part of this will be ensuring that the communication to parents and pupils is handled correctly and officers from the Local Authority, members of the governing board of the school and senior leaders of the school will be meeting with parents in order to start this communication process. **The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 3.45 p.m.** Representatives from the local authority will also be present to answer queries that you may have. This move is important to allow the school to continue to improve and become the centre of excellence it aims to be. We welcome your support in this *process*.

Your sincerely

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Executive Headteacher

