

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find attached a copy of the Inspector's report from our recent Inspection.

Ofsted Inspection Report

I am absolutely delighted to receive the judgement that 'This school continues to be good.'

This is a significant achievement, particularly in our current educational landscape where the DfE, Ofsted and Local Authorities are so unforgiving in the pressure and demands they put upon schools.

On a very personal level, I am proud that our commitment to the social and emotional aspects of learning have been recognised and acknowledged for their strength because this is so central to our school philosophy.

The report strongly reflects that pupils are receiving a good, all-round, balanced education that enables them to make good progress and achieve good outcomes.

I take this opportunity to thank those parents who shared their views of the school to Ofsted, directly to the Inspector or by using Parent View. In verbal feedback, at the end of the Inspection day, the Inspector shared with me that to have such overwhelmingly positive comments made by parents was unusual and exceptional. I know that no matter how hard we try, we do not please all of you, all of the time, but having such a high percentage of positive comment meant a great deal – so thank you.

Finally, I pay tribute to our staff who work tirelessly in their commitment to ensure the very best outcomes for our pupils. Every member of staff is important and is valued because each one of them has a skill to bring to the team and they deserve the validation: 'There is a strong sense of teamwork and high morale amongst staff'.

The 'Next Steps' recommended by the Inspector are all ones that we ourselves have identified and form part of our Development Plan. It is a good reflection of our self-evaluation process being accurate and rigorous, that the 'next steps' were of no surprise.

I am always proud of our school, our pupils and our school community and reading this report emphasises some of the reasons why that is so. It does not however, and will not, make us complacent. No matter how 'good' something may be, there is always room to improve and there will be no change in that drive for us to always strive to be even better.

Should you have any questions regarding the report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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