

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we recently had an OFSTED inspection. We'd like to thank you for your overwhelming response to Ofsted's Parent View questionnaire. The many positive replies and comments were gratefully received and illustrate how we have come together as a school and community over the recent years, in which the school has seen many changes. We are now able to share with you the findings of the report.

We are proud to share that the inspectors said:

- **“Pupils feel safe and well cared for.**
- **They told inspectors how much they enjoy the many clubs, trips and activities that are on offer to them.**
- **Many pupils make the most of the leadership roles that they can apply for. For example, pupils were keen to tell inspectors about how they contribute to the school community through being members of the ‘power for good’ or ‘diversity’ groups. Pupils celebrate the diversity within the school. They are ready to make a positive contribution to their wider community when they are older.**
- **Pupils are respectful.**
- **Pupils, including children in the early years, respond well to each other and to staff.**
- **Those pupils who find it more difficult to manage their emotions benefit from well-thought-out support.**
- **The school has high expectations for the achievement of all pupils.**
- **The school’s renewed strategies to manage pupils’ behaviour are having a positive impact. Pupils develop resilience and self-confidence. They told inspectors that they enjoy breaktimes and opportunities to work together on projects.**
- **Pupils’ increasingly positive attitudes to learning mean that lessons typically proceed without disruption.**
- **Staff support pupils to attend school regularly so that they can benefit from all that the school has to offer.”**

We are extremely disappointed about the overall judgement of the report. It does not reflect all the hard work of our pupils, staff, and community to rapidly improve. Many of you have told us and indeed the inspectors, that you can see the huge change in the school over the last two years and this is something we are incredibly proud of and endeavour to continue.

Inspectors also recognised that:

- “The school now benefits from a more settled staff and the school has improved the design and delivery of the curriculum from the early years to Year 6.
- The new curriculum aims to fully prepare pupils for the demands of key stage 3. The revised curriculum is organised well, and this is increasingly supporting pupils to build up their knowledge steadily over time.
- The school has focused on embedding a new reading curriculum. An effective phonics programme is improving the accuracy and fluency of pupils’ reading. This begins in the early years.
- Children in the two and three-year-old provision begin to develop their expertise in recognising different sounds through learning a range of well-loved stories, songs, and rhymes. Children in the Reception classes build on this firm foundation.
- In the Reception Year, most children, including those with SEND, make rapid gains in their reading knowledge. They are well prepared for their learning in key stage 1.”

Our school is more than just an Ofsted grading. However, we want to keep moving forward and certainly do not want to make excuses - we feel that you know the school well enough to make some judgements of your own, and that you might be able to see beyond some of the statements made and be able to reflect on the changes we have implemented in the past two years.

As you can see, there were many positives which showcase the great work happening in the academy. OFSTED also made two points in the feedback given to us that we’ll be working on moving forward and we are very much looking forward to working with you on improving our school in the coming months and years.

We greatly value the relationship that we have with you all and with the whole of our school community and we trust that this will continue. If you do have any queries or concerns about the report, please do come and tell us about them - we’ll be around as usual and are happy to answer any questions you might have.

Best wishes

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