

'Where every child's potential counts'

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Dear Parent / Carer

We are writing to you regarding our recent Ofsted Inspection. As you are aware we were inspected on the 4th and 5th April. The overall judgement for the school is that we remain Requires Improvement. Staff and Governors are extremely disappointed with this outcome as I'm sure you are. The school is on a journey towards excellence and we feel that the timing of the inspection was just a little too early.

The inspection was led by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors and she said that the school is moving quickly in the right direction. As a school we had already identified the areas identified in the report as issues and had already put things in place to begin to rectify this, as it states within the report.

"The head teacher and deputy head provide strong and effective leadership they are together establishing a culture in which every child is expected to learn well and succeed. They have taken considerable action to address the areas for improvement identified at the previous inspection".

"Governors are highly committed"

"Leaders have introduced a new curriculum which pupils are interested in and enjoy"

"There has been an improvement in lunch time and playtime behaviour due to the changes made by leaders to increase supervision and provide a wider range of activities for pupils to participate in."

The strategies we have put in place had not had enough time to be embedded fully and therefore fell short of the Ofsted requirements, which are fixed. In discussions with the lead inspector she did suggest that we were close to the good judgement in all areas. In addition, through discussions with the inspector, it was clear that there was good practice seen in all of the areas, which is evident in the report. Consistency across the school is now key for us.

The Ofsted lead inspector was very impressed by the behaviour of the vast majority of children and how we looked after their safety, spiritual, moral, social and cultural well-being. She said that our children were articulate and well mannered.

"The vast majority of pupils are developing as confident individuals who are proud of their school and show good manners and respect for others as they go about their day."



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The inspectors were very impressed with the new curriculum that we have put in place. The evidence we provided for topic work, novel study and maths were very strong.

"Leaders have introduced a new curriculum which is beginning to successfully stimulate pupils' interest and enjoyment in their learning."

"The quality of teaching is improving as a result of training and development in English and mathematics. Progress is beginning to quicken for current pupils."

"Teachers are targeting the learning and progress of these individuals so they are quickly able to catch up."

"The teaching of mathematics has been a focus for leaders. The result of substantial training and support in this subject has been the development of teachers' skills in teaching reasoning and problem solving, making use of practical resources to aid pupils' understanding."

"Leaders have transformed the teaching of reading."

We can assure you that we have already put in challenging strategic plans and actions in place, before and since the inspection, that will rectify any areas of weakness in the school and the whole staff are committed and determined to follow through with all of these plans. All children really do matter to us.

If you wish to discuss this further or ask any questions please contact school to make an appointment. As you know we are committed to working in partnership with you but would ask that you are patient next week as Y6 begin their SATs tests and senior leaders are working with the children to ensure they feel settled, so meetings would have to fit around the tests we are delivering.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Bartholomew
Head Teacher



Mrs Hudson
Chair of Governors

