

Dear Parent/Carer

Ofsted Inspection January 2018

You will be aware that the school was inspected by Ofsted on the second day of this term. The report of this inspection is now available. The inspectors found that, although the school had a number of strengths and that most of the children enjoyed being at school, overall, the school was not providing an acceptable standard of education. The Local Governing Body and the Trustees are obviously disappointed by this outcome. However, bearing in mind the extreme challenges facing the school in terms of pupil mobility and staffing issues at the time of the inspection, we accept that improvements are necessary. A copy of the summary report is attached to this letter and the full report is available on the school and Ofsted websites from Thursday, March 22nd. If you need a paper copy of the report, these are available on request from the school.

As it has taken so long for the report to be made available, the LGB and Trustees have already begun to take action to improve the school. An early priority has been to take steps to strengthen the school's partnership with parents and the community. The Trustees have also been fortunate to arrange support from another local headteacher, Mr. Russell Ingleby, who is helping to address the issues raised by inspectors.

Some time ago I wrote to tell you that our Principal, Sue Balfour-Bellamy, was ill and unlikely to return to work for sometime. She has now informed the trustees that she intends to take retirement with effect from September 1st, 2018. I am sure that you will want to wish Sue well in her retirement after her many years work at the school. Until permanent arrangements can be made, our Vice Principal, Mrs. Somerville, will continue to lead the school with support from Mr. Ingleby.

I would like to invite you to a meeting at school on Tuesday, March 27th at 6-30pm where trustees and governors will try to answer any questions you might have about the inspection, and when we can give further details of the issues the school is facing and the action being taken to improve the school. I am confident that, working together, we can take the school forward. The recent event for the Sports Relief, which was inspired and organised by parents, is a shining example of what can be achieved through strong and determined partnership working.

Yours sincerely



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