



Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parents,

Ofsted inspected Hotwells on the 18th and 19th September.

They judged that the school required improvement in 3 areas namely:

- Quality of teaching, learning and assessment
- Outcomes for pupils
- Effectiveness of leadership and management

and that the standard was good for:-

- Personal development, behaviour and welfare
- Early years provision

Overall this means that their judgement is Requires Improvement.

Ofsted have provided us with an important analysis. They are not able to cover the whole range of what the school does. They honed in on some specifics, in particular writing and the use of pupil premium. In doing, so they have offered us a detailed analysis which we are grateful for. We can and will use this analysis to improve on those aspects which Ofsted highlighted as needing to improve.

We will also continue to provide the rounded education for your children that we know is valued and valuable. Our aim at the school is to enshrine behaviours and attitudes that are open to learning, allow creativity and a sense of individual and social responsibility in our pupils.

As parents, you know that we have a dedicated and skilled staff group. The Governing Body fully supports the Head and her staff team in addressing the improvements where they are needed within the culture of a caring, responsive and dynamic school environment.

As Governors, we will play our part in addressing improvements whilst ensuring that the unique qualities of Hotwells as a learning environment are maintained. With the school, we are already working on the plan that covers all the aspects of the Ofsted report and aim to update you on progress throughout the year. You can contact any of the Governors individually and there will, as usual, be a Governors present at the Parents' Evenings on the 15th and 16th October for further discussion.

From the Governing Body of Hotwells Primary School.

