



The Bishop Anthony Educational Trust

24th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, towards the end of the Christmas term, Ludlow Infant and Nursery School was inspected by Ofsted. Ofsted have now completed their report, and this will be published on the Ofsted website next Monday (28/1/19). A copy of our report will also be available on our website, or a hard copy will be available from the school office from tomorrow.

As you will see, we have been provided with a grade for our 'Overall Effectiveness', together with grades for; the effectiveness of our leadership and management, the quality of our teaching, learning and assessment, our personal development, behaviour and welfare, the outcomes of our pupils and Early Years provision. Ofsted grades each of these areas as either; Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3) or Inadequate (4). To support these grades the report also provides a summary of Ofsted's key findings, outlining what we need to do to improve further and the strengths of the school.

We are disappointed to say, that within the report Ofsted has graded the overall effectiveness of the School at the time of this inspection as inadequate, indicating that our school requires significant improvement, a judgement upon which we agree.

We were pleased that the inspectors recognised the following strengths:

- Behaviour in the school is good. Pupils are polite and well mannered. They have positive relations with staff.
- The school is a calm and orderly place. Pupils are safe and well cared for. Parents value the close-knit harmonious ethos.
- In 2018 more pupils reached the expected standard in phonics than did nationally. Pupils make good progress in reading and mathematics from their points.
- Two-year-olds get a positive start to school.
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural education is a strength of the school.
- Parents are highly supportive of the school. They comment on the progress their children make. They value the good communication from the school, which helps them know how to support their children with their learning. They know their children are happy and well cared for. Parents value the harmonious atmosphere that pervades the school.

The school leadership, in partnership with the Trust, has already started planning to enable the areas of weakness identified within the report to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

We are mindful that you will have concerns regarding the report and would therefore like to offer you the opportunity to discuss your thoughts with us at a parents' meeting on Monday 4th February at 2.30pm in the school hall.

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Teale
Interim CEO

Rosemarie Fleming
Chair of the Local Governing Body

