



Ofsted Inspection June 2019

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our section 5 inspection on 4th and 5th June 2019. The full report will be published on the OFSTED website on Tuesday 25th June 2019. However, we are allowed to inform parents and carers of the outcome in advance.

The grades that can be awarded are Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3) or Inadequate (4). In recent years the term 'Requires Improvement' has replaced the previous grading of 'Satisfactory' in the new OFSTED inspections.

Previously the school was judged as 'Good' (2) in December 2015. However, in this recent inspection, the school was judged overall to be within the category of 'Requires Improvement' (3).

The overall outcome will be disappointing to parents. However, it must be said that all staff in school are committed to providing the best education for all children. The inspection was a very rigorous process and all three inspectors got to know our school extremely well. The inspectors found many positive strengths and lots of aspects of 'Good' within the school. They were clear that the school has already undergone rapid change and school improvement over the last 18 months and is already making progress.

Here are just a few of the many positive aspects of the report.

- *Pupils are proud of their school and like their teachers.*
- *Pupils understand the importance of their learning. For instance, pupils in years 5 and 6 explained why they were learning about global warming: 'Because we're the next generation and we might be able to fix things'.*
- *The recently established senior leadership team has a clear vision for improvement and is bringing about positive change.*
- *Leaders have an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and areas in which it needs to improve.*
- *The teaching of reading is effective.*
- *Staff promote pupils' personal development well. Relationships are positive. There is an ethos of mutual respect.*
- *Pupils behave well at all times of the school day. They are friendly, polite and courteous.*
- *The school provides a broad and balanced curriculum that is enhanced well by a range of extra – curricular opportunities.*
- *The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is good.*

I would like to thank everyone in the school community who spoke with the inspectors or filled out a questionnaire. The inspectors could clearly see that the school is well supported by parents and the changes are having a positive impact.

We will bring forward a meeting to discuss some of the changes for next year and answer any questions parents may have. The meeting will be at 6PM on Wednesday 26th June 2019 in the school hall. There will be a DVD in one of the classrooms if you need to bring your children. If you would like to speak with me, please don't hesitate to come into school or make an appointment to see me.

The governors, local authority, staff and all friends of our school have worked incredibly hard and will continue to do so to make the learning experience of our pupils special.

Your faithfully

Craig Woodward (Headteacher)
Ben Powell (Chair of Governors)