

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Ofsted Inspection Letter 2019

Dear Parents,

One of the real pleasures of being Chair of Governors is to see the excellent progress that our wonderful school is making.

As a governing body we witness the progress on a regular basis both through our visits into school and when we have governing body meetings to look at school data and other documents. We are then able to relate those figures to the observations we have made during our visits.

The one time that we get a true and independent reflection on the school's progress is during an Ofsted inspection. The previous school inspection had judged the school to be "Good" and unbelievably that inspection was in 2015. As many of you are aware, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January an Ofsted Inspector once again visited our school to ensure that progress had been maintained and we were still providing a high level of both educational and social development for all our children.

Following that visit, I am delighted to be able to say that the school was again judged to be "Good" overall. I would like to pay tribute to the efforts of Mr Smith, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and all our amazing staff for providing the best opportunities for the children and the glowing report from Ofsted is testament to their efforts, skill and dedication.

I would like to recognise and thank Miss Lawler for all her efforts in getting the school into such a positive place prior to her leaving at the end of the last school year. Her contribution allowed Mr Smith to take the helm with the school in a very positive place.

I would also like to thank all the parents and carers who responded to the Ofsted online questionnaire (Parent View) with their views - those opinions really matter.

Ofsted and Parent View were very positive about the contribution of our new Headteacher and the way he is leading the school. Contrary to reports you see in the media, our school is bucking the trend as staff morale is high and Ofsted endorsed a comment on Parent View describing the staff as "a fabulous team of dedicated, caring and talented individuals who ensure that all our children are safe, happy and thriving".

For those who haven't already done so, I would recommend that you read the full report which we have attached and can also be found on the school's website. Mr Smith has highlighted some of the key extracts from the report which can be found overleaf.

The report is a document that reflects on the past four years since the previous inspection. As a Governing Body, together with the SLT and all the staff, we look to the future and how we can make improvements, achieve more and reach new heights. I can assure without exception, that is what we are all looking to do. "Working together to achieve success."

John Manley  
Chair of Governors