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18.9.23

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We were visited in July by Ofsted and we are now in a position to share with yourselves their findings.

We are pleased that Ofsted highlighted that:

*‘Pupils are happy and well cared for in this school. They benefit from a broad and rich education. Leaders expect pupils to succeed academically. Pupils achieve well because they benefit from an effective curriculum that is taught well. They are welcoming towards others and they are happy to celebrate the differences between people.’*

*‘The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.’*

*‘Staff report their concerns to safeguarding leaders in a timely manner and action is taken promptly.’*

Ofsted also recognise that:

*‘Teachers have high expectations of pupils’ behaviour. Pupils strive to give their best in lessons and around the school. Pupils conduct themselves sensibly and behave well. Pupils value the support that they receive from their teachers. They are respectful towards their peers and adults.’*

*‘Pupils are confident that teachers will help them if they are worried or upset. This makes them feel safe. Bullying is dealt with seriously and promptly by leaders.’*

*‘Leaders make sure that pupils receive sound guidance to ensure that they become active, socially responsible and tolerant citizens.’*

*‘Leaders identify pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) early. They ensure that the right support is in place for pupils in and out of class. Leaders make sure that parents and*

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*carers are kept informed about their child's progress. Teachers adapt their teaching to meet the needs of pupils with SEND so that they can achieve well.'*

When Ofsted visit they make judgements about the standard of a schools, Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Early Years Provision. All of these areas were graded as 'Good;' as were the majority of statements under 'Leadership and Management.'

Despite the positive comments made about our school and the 'Good' grade in all other areas; the inspectors felt that improvement is needed for some aspects of reporting so that leaders have better oversight in future. As a consequence, they graded 'Leadership and Management' as 'requires improvement'; which according to the Ofsted framework means that the school's overall effectiveness is graded as 'requires improvement.' This is a huge disappointment for us all.

However, the school, including Governors, have already begun to work closely with a range of colleagues from the Local Authority and Diocese to address these improvements. The Governing Body are committed to the school and are receiving support to take the next steps.

We would like to reassure parents and carers that their children are always our focus. All staff and leaders work tirelessly for the children within the school and Ofsted saw this.

We will keep you updated as to developments and we will be looking forward to Ofsted returning within a timely manner in order to reassess their judgement.

Kind regards

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