

Headteacher's Letter

10th March 2017

Dear Parent

'This school continues to be good' (Ofsted February 2017)

I am very pleased to write to you on behalf of the Governing Body and staff to inform you of the outcome of our Ofsted inspection on 14th February 2017. Following a challenging short inspection our school was judged as still a 'Good' school.

The formal letter reporting on Ofsted's findings will be published on the Ofsted website (<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>) next week and on our own website later today. Parents who would like a paper copy can request one through our school office.

I take this opportunity to share with you some of the letter I think you will find interesting.

Leadership and Management:

- The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education...you have set high expectations and demonstrate a clear commitment to pupils
- Governors are knowledgeable and very supportive of the school
- Parents are also very positive about the school and express confidence in your leadership

Outcomes for children and learners:

- Staff know pupils well and demonstrate a determination to provide pupils with the best opportunities to achieve
- Leaders monitor pupils' progress and welfare closely. Where concerns arise pupils receive carefully targeted support to get them back on track
- Most pupils achieve well at Test Valley and leave the school with examination results that are at least in line with, and in many cases above, the national average

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment:

- You are ...meeting the challenges of providing a broad and balanced curriculum which meets pupils' needs
- In many of the lessons visited, teachers were observed challenging pupils to work at an even higher level
- Teachers know their pupils' individual needs well. In the strongest lessons, teachers use this information effectively, to challenge pupils and ensure a deeper level of understanding

Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare:

- Safeguarding is taken very seriously by leaders and governors
- Parents comment positively that their children are well cared for and safe at this school
- Pupils recognise and appreciate the culture of care and support which is a feature of the school.
- Good relationships between staff and pupils are evident in lessons and around the school

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The inspectors also identified the 'next steps for the school'. I share these with you below and also their comments regarding the progress already made towards these.

1. *Pupils' progress accelerates further, particularly higher attaining pupils, disadvantaged pupils and those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities:*
 - The most able pupils' work showed that they are making increasingly good progress as a result of higher expectations and challenge in a number of subject areas
 - The proportion of disadvantaged pupils achieving a GCSE at grades A*- C in mathematics and English was above that of all pupils nationally
 - Assessment information shows that disadvantaged pupils currently at the school are making better progress. This is now almost the same rates of progress as other pupils in the school
 - The.... .SENCo has a comprehensive tracking system in place for those pupils that require additional support

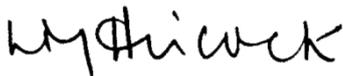
2. *Senior leaders make better use of information about the progress of key groups to measure the effectiveness of their actions:*
 - You recognise that there are some groups of pupils who make less progress, including some disadvantaged and higher-attaining pupils. Leaders have taken actions to address the issues
 - Leaders at all levels now track rigorously the progress different groups of pupils are making

3. *Work to improve disadvantaged pupils' attendance remains a top priority:*
 - Rigorous monitoring and individual mentoring by staff are leading to improvements in attendance

In conclusion, we are pleased that Ofsted has recognised many of the strengths and the progress we are making as a school. Their judgements certainly match our own self-evaluation and we are already addressing the next steps they have highlighted. We are not, however, complacent and will always strive to be an even better school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work and commitment. I also thank all parents for your ongoing support of the school and the partnership we work in to ensure the best for your children.

Yours sincerely



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