

25th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We are deeply disappointed by Ofsted's judgement that our overall effectiveness as a school is inadequate. We embrace the challenge to improve the school as reflected in the report, and we are all committed to working hard to implement the significant changes required.

The programme of change and development that we started twelve months ago demonstrates our understanding of the needs of the school, and put us firmly on a trajectory of improvement. However, we are disappointed that we were not able to make sufficient changes prior to our inspection in order to avoid this outcome.

Since the inspection, we have worked hard to establish a formal plan of improvement. In the week immediately after the inspection we made a prompt start by beginning to implement changes in line with the identified areas for improvement. Ofsted requires that this plan, our Statement of Action, is submitted for approval shortly, and we are ready to do so.

Meeting for Parents and Carers

We understand that you will have questions which you would like us to address, and so we have several ways in which you can find out further information.

- We will be holding a meeting for parents and carers at school on **Thursday 28th November at 7.30pm**. In the meeting we will also explain the report's findings, inform you of the main actions already taken and further actions we have planned, and explain the next steps for us as a school.
- If you have any questions you would like to be addressed during the meeting, please email the school office by **4pm on Wednesday 27th November**. Questions can of course also be raised at the meeting.
- If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to meet with Mrs Sledge, please arrange an appointment in the coming days. A sign up list is available in the office with a choice of times.

We are so grateful for the support we have had to date from our parents, carers and our local community, and we very much hope that this valuable support will continue as together we seize this opportunity to make a real difference to the children we serve.

We, the staff and governors are committed to moving our school forward, serving our community and most importantly, giving the children in our care, both now and in the future, a high-quality start to their educational journey.

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Although there is much work to do, we are grateful that the report acknowledges that pupils are safe, happy and cared for at the school, with a good grasp of our Christian values of trust, respect, courage and truthfulness. This provides a good basis on which we can continue to improve the school to achieve our goal.

Your Sincerely

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