

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have the privilege to write to you as Chair of Governors and to share with you the Overall Effectiveness finding of “**Good**” in the accompanying Ofsted Inspection Report from the inspection which took place shortly after the May bank holiday. The progress that the school has made to achieve this result has been through the dedication and determination of all of the staff to embrace the challenges they have faced.

What is particularly pleasing to note is the recognition from Ofsted of the effectiveness of the changes that Mrs Slade-Nowell has introduced since becoming Head Teacher and the programme of training, coaching and mentoring which she has implemented to improve teaching throughout the school. All teams need a strong captain and Jenny has led hers with the vision, commitment, authority and authenticity to motivate and keep us all on course. This she has done unceasingly and I would like to take this opportunity personally to thank her for her unstinting belief and diligent professionalism *to ensure that all pupils reach the highest possible standards within a caring and happy atmosphere.*

As you read the report for yourselves, you will pick out those elements which are most meaningful to you. For me, it is especially gratifying that Ofsted recognised that *teachers made learning interesting; that we have a body of skilled teaching assistants [who] work in close cooperation with teachers; that staff have created a warm and nurturing environment in which pupils feel safe and secure and in which they have positive attitudes to learning showing their enjoyment of school.* It is sometimes easy to get distracted by the structures our education system requires and by which a school can appear to be constrained. At the heart of the report’s comments, however, is what our school is all about: putting your children first to maximize their potential.

The school and the governors would like to thank those parents, carers and staff who took the time to complete the Ofsted parental survey or to write directly to the inspector. I would like to reassure you that the school leaders and governors do not see this report as the end; rather, the end of the beginning. As the report observes, we have a clear view of what we are aiming to achieve and have high expectations to improve further.

Nevertheless, let’s all take a moment to collectively celebrate in this shared success.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Hassan.