

Holbrook Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: OFSTED, 9th - 10th May 2017

Please find attached the final report from our recent OFSTED inspection. You will see that overall we have been deemed to be requiring improvement, and we appreciate that many of you may be concerned regarding this.

Naturally we are disappointed to be no longer judged as good, however, it is worth remembering that on 9th September 2016 we wrote to you and explained what we expected the judgement from an inspection to be – our evaluation was ‘spot-on’ and the inspectors acknowledged this: *“The executive headteacher and head of school have a clear vision and high ambition for their pupils and team. They know the school well and have a secure focus on the next steps for improvement.”*

The inspectors also recognised that *“significant staffing issues have stalled the improvement of teaching, learning and assessment.”*

We are delighted that they recognised our work in supporting the personal development, welfare and behaviour of pupils as good and we were not surprised that they expressed **no concerns** regarding our safeguarding procedures.

Early Years provision is good and outcomes are improving, as we know, and we are particularly pleased with the following comment - *“Parents are very happy with the support and communication from the early years team and say that staff are always available to answer any questions”*. Those of you who have, or have recently had, children in Year R will recognise this.

You will notice that the inspectors noted governors had *“recently commissioned an external review to aid it to more robustly hold leaders to account. This has been effective in improving governors’ strategies for challenging and probing the impact of leaders’ work.”* One aspect of governance that we have been struggling with for some time is governor recruitment and we continue to have some vacancies - if you are interested in becoming a governor or know someone who you believe would please do get in touch (via the school office).

Please do read the report carefully as although the overall judgement is requiring improvement there are several positive comments weaved into it, for example:

“Pupils’ attitudes to school are positive. They are proud of their school and conduct themselves well throughout the school day.”

“Leaders have established successful processes for supporting pupils’ behaviour across the schoolbehaviour is now good....Older pupils told inspectors that it was much better than it used to be and everyone is happy now.”

“Staff are motivated by the range of high-quality, professional training and development....”

“Support for pupils who have special educational needs and/ or disabilities is effective, including in the resource base provision. “



"In all classrooms, clear support for learning is evident through learning walls and displays...."

"Pupils like the school's 'Transformers' approach to developing their 'Habits of Learning. Inspectors saw pupils make good use of the different characters..."

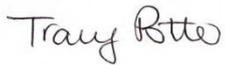
"Strategies to improve teaching and learning are starting to yield success."

"Pupils who join the school mid-year are well supported."

Parents *"told inspectors that the adults at the school help to sort things out, including bullying, if it happens."*

As a result of this judgement we will be re-inspected in approximately two years. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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