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Dear Parents and Carers

Following our recent Ofsted on the 4th and 5th June 2019, the Governors and Staff have been busy developing a post-Ofsted Action Plan that builds on the school's strengths and addresses the areas where the school was deemed to require support.

As you know, Ofsted did come in on a 1-day inspection during the summer term in the last academic year, which meant our school kept its 'Good' rating. A school can only have its rating changed with a 2-day inspection. As that report showed, the outcome from the inspection was not so positive. However, this year, although the outcome was 'Requires Improvement' the report is much more positive and highlights the areas where we have over this year improved.

This is only the beginning of that journey, with the impact of the changes made already showing improvement,

Some of the strengths identified by Ofsted:

- Pupils feel safe and well cared for
- SMSC prepares pupils for life in modern Britain
- Phonics teaching is strong
- Safeguarding is effective
- Children take pride in their writing
- Children have a broad curriculum

Some areas highlighted by Ofsted:

- Improve the progress in reading and mathematics
- Develop the use of assessment information
- More access to professional development
- Leaders and governors to act more quickly to ensure outcomes across school are consistently strong
- For Leaders and Governors to ensure that plans to support disadvantaged pupils are in place
- Develop middle leaders in their new roles



The Governors and Acting Head teacher have been working closely with the Local Authority to address the areas of concern. Our schools' Action Plan is very detailed and covers the needs of the school extensively. Please see below for a brief summary of the Action Plan

1. To ensure that the whole curriculum is at least good and leading to outstanding. Staff work collaboratively within school to plan a creative curriculum that inspires learning and achievement for all ability groups. Planning to be more detailed in all areas of the curriculum, ensuring that there is clear focus on the development of skills as required within the National Curriculum.
2. Teachers develop, consolidate and deepen pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills. They give sufficient time for pupils to review what they are learning and develop further. Children will be challenged and develop their resilience to extend their learning. Children will achieve 'expected' or 'better' outcomes
3. For children in all year groups to achieve national expectations or above in reading writing and mathematics. Daily planning focused on raising standards in these areas resulting in a higher number of children exceeding expectations. Using interventions for those children whose attainment is below the national expectations, giving them a better chance of making higher than expected progress.
4. To develop effectiveness of Leadership and Management
To ensure staff have opportunities to develop their skills through an effective training programme as well as the chance to engage with other schools through the CSP. This will have a direct impact on raising attainment and progress for all children

This is a very brief outline of some of our key areas of development. The full report can be viewed on the school website.

We would like to invite all parents/carers to a coffee/tea evening on Monday at 3.30 p.m., so that we can answer any questions you may have about the Ofsted report and to view our Action Plan.

We will of course continue to keep you informed of our schools' development and welcome your input.

We hope that this letter allows you to see the direction we are going and the commitment we have to your children's learning, development and well-being.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, 24th June 2019, 3:30-4:30 for Tea, Coffee, biscuits and a chat.

Yours Sincerely

Claire Goffin
Acting Headteacher

