



Lawn Primary School

10th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Headteacher and Co-Chairs of Governors we have great pleasure in writing to you regarding the Ofsted report that accompanies this letter. It has been a long wait but the time has arrived that we can make the content of the report known to parents. The inspection report will be published on our school website and also on the main Ofsted website.

Ofsted judge schools on 6 key areas, these being; effectiveness of leadership and management; quality of teaching, learning and assessment; personal development, behaviour and welfare; outcomes for pupils; early years provision and then the school's overall effectiveness. The four judgments are 4 – inadequate; 3 – requires improvement; 2 – good; 1 – outstanding.

In all of these 6 areas we have been judged to be

‘OUTSTANDING’

All our school community richly deserves this outstanding judgment and I am sure you will join us in congratulating all involved.

At our previous inspection in November 2013 we were judged to be Requiring Improvement and it is such an achievement that the school has moved up two grade boundaries to outstanding. An achievement, under the new inspection framework, that is very difficult to do.

The school has embraced changes with enthusiasm; this is driven by the determination to provide the very best possible teaching and learning opportunities for all the pupils without ever losing sight of the caring and supportive ethos that makes our school's learning environment so rich.

In light of historic events, this is a tremendous achievement and is one that the school community truly deserves. We are thrilled that the inspection team obviously recognised the tireless hard work, commitment, dedication and diligent professionalism that occur every day across our school. What the inspectors saw on the two days was nothing different to what happens each and every day at Lawn. It was great to see that the inspection team recognized this from the moment they walked through the door on the first day.



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It is most gratifying to read that 'Pupils make excellent progress from their starting points' and that 'Attitudes to learning are exemplary'.

Additionally, they acknowledged that 'The behaviour of pupils is outstanding' and that pupils are overwhelmingly positive about life in school; are well cared for and feel safe.

There are so many quotes in the report that they are all difficult to list so please take time to read the report in full.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers who completed the Ofsted parental survey on-line. Your comments were very helpful to the team.

Our 'Outstanding' judgment will not bring a hint of complacency and we continue to share a constant desire for improvement. We have a detailed development plan in place to map growth throughout the school. The one area that has been mentioned in the report for an area of development is already something that school leaders and Governors have already started to address in the 'Raising Achievement Plan'.

Over the last two and a half years since the last inspection, staff and Governors have been working tirelessly to improve all areas of school. The school has faced many challenges over these years and they have all been addressed with commitment and professionalism.

This is such a memorable and remarkable time for Lawn. This school has now returned to its rightful and deserved place in the community.

As Headteacher and Co-Chairs of Governors we could not be more proud.

We would like to thank you all for being so supportive of our school and community and we look forward to celebrating our 'OUTSTANDING' news soon.

Kind regards

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