



Dear Parents/Carers

Outcome of the July 2019 Ofsted Inspection

GOOD news! GOOD news!

As outlined in the newsletter last week, we have been awaiting the final copy of the official report from the Ofsted inspection team who visited us just before the end of the last school year. This has now arrived and a copy is therefore being sent to every family – see attached.

The Ofsted report is quite brief and outlines the inspectors' findings for the 4 key areas of: effectiveness of leadership and management, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare and the outcomes for pupils. This is then combined to form a judgement of overall effectiveness – the quality and standards of education provided at Eastlea.

We are all absolutely delighted with the final report and how well it sums up the special place that we all know Eastlea to be. The 5 words in the first sentence of the 'summary of key findings' are just what we wanted to hear:

This is a GOOD SCHOOL!

To be told by Ofsted 2½ years ago that we 'required improvement' was something which most staff, governors and parents found inaccurate, and our drive to 'prove this' was finally vindicated in July 2019. It is great to have Eastlea once again officially recognised as a good school. **In fact we were awarded 'good' in each of the 4 key areas as well as for overall effectiveness which is brilliant news.**

Staff are especially proud of the fact that despite the changes to the inspection framework and the 'moving goal posts' in terms of Ofsted expectations we have regained our 'good' grading; something that other schools have struggled to achieve. **This is a huge achievement and is the result of the commitment, hard work and enthusiasm of everyone connected with the school.** Thank you for your support in this process and the immensely positive feedback which you provided for the inspectors via the questionnaire and face to face discussions which took place on the 2 days of the inspection. The report will be published on the Ofsted website from Friday 13th September.

As in all reports, Ofsted have indicated some things we could do to improve further, but again we were very pleased with what they have noted as these were areas which we had told them we were aiming for and were already working on! So, there are no surprises and these are issues which all schools at the moment have been asked to prioritise in the light of the new curriculum and Ofsted guidelines which just been announced.

Please take the time to read the report in full. There are some lovely statements about your children and how well they are learning, achieving, making progress, behaving and having their needs met at Eastlea.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Beeston
Head Teacher

Leaders, including governors, are committed to maintaining a positive, welcoming school culture where all are enabled to achieve.

Pupils talk enthusiastically about sporting events, residential visits and school trips, author visits and homework projects. Parents also comment positively on the opportunities the school provides.

Pupils, including some of the most vulnerable, say that they feel safe at school. They trust that adults in school will help them if they have a problem. Parents confirm that their children feel safe in school.

Teachers expect all pupils to be active participants in their learning. They plan lessons which require high levels of engagement.

The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is good.