

Tuesday 24th April 2018

Ofsted Inspection Outcomes

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, the school went through a short inspection on 27th March 2018 and I am pleased to be able to provide you with a copy today. The inspection was a section 8 inspection for schools that have previously been judged to be good.

The report confirms that Woodloes continues to be a good school. Additionally, it identifies that;

"the school has demonstrated strong practice and marked improvement in certain areas. This may indicate that the school is improving to being outstanding".

It also confirms that the school; *"has progressed significantly since the last inspection".*

We are obviously very pleased that the hard work of the staff and pupils and the great partnership we have with our parent community has been recognised in this excellent, positive report.

Other highlights of the report commend the quality of the teachers and teaching assistants who work so effectively with your children to ensure they make good progress;

"information is used well to ensure that pupils are being challenged and are making good progress" and "Highly effective teaching by teachers and teaching assistants is leading to current pupils making rapid and sustained progress".

It also recognises the great start the children make to their time in school both in Saplings and in Reception commenting on the *"high expectations"* and *"good progress from their various starting points"*.

The report also confirms what we know about our children's overall personal development and their excellent behaviour;

"Pupil's behaviour is good throughout the school. They are keen to learn and show strong learning behaviours in lessons. Poor behaviour and disruption are very rare".

We are also delighted that our work with governors and other partners like the Community Academies Trust is recognised;

"Governors and members of the multi-academy trust are dedicated and committed to the school's ongoing success. They have a strong understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the school".

The report also recognises how hard the school works to ensure children are kept safe and commented on the excellent, robust standard of safeguarding that leads to a 'culture of vigilance':

"Children say that they feel safe, and they are taught, in lessons and assemblies, how to stay safe".

We are not complacent at Woodloes and are completely committed to being the very best school we can possibly be. The areas for development identified in the report are known to us and we are working on plans and projects that will secure these further improvements.

I'd like to conclude this letter by thanking everyone for their continuing support for our school. It really is a pleasure to work with so many talented staff and children and to be part of such a superb team. The final comment should really be reserved for one of the pupils who told the inspector:

"We learn to appreciate each other, no matter how different we are."

Brilliant!

Yours sincerely,

Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)