

# FURLEY PARK PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am pleased to be able to say that I am finally able to share the outcome of our Ofsted inspection. I thank everyone who supported the inspection by completing the parent view survey and by sending in personal letters to express thanks to the school. The inspection team enjoyed speaking to parents and it was overwhelming and heart-warming to hear the support we have from our parent community. Inspectors noted that the school is a happy place for the children and that they are well cared for. One parent voiced that, "Although the school is large, with all the associated advantages, it has a small school feel where every child is treated as an individual."

I am delighted that we achieved good in all areas apart from one where we have some development points- as would be expected after the covid pandemic delaying the rolling out of our new curriculum. All of the inspectors were in agreement that the school had suffered an extended pandemic where we had also seen cases rise again, only last autumn, leading to further restrictions in school which were only lifted in January this year. The inspection team were very complimentary of all staff and the dedication they show to the education of the children in our school. For disadvantaged children and those with special educational needs, it was said that we are closing the gap for those pupils.

Something we have worked incredibly hard on as a school is getting children reading quickly. We are proud that the team acknowledged a highly effective phonics system which is delivered systematically by well-trained staff. One of our areas, that requires improvement, is to ensure that fast progress continues throughout Key Stage Two. We fully agree with this action from the team as it was already identified on our school improvement plan. They were also very impressed with our maths teaching and how the children quickly grasp new skills. It was voiced by one member of the inspection team that this exceeds national curriculum expectations.

We agree with the outcomes of our Ofsted report and the findings of the inspection team. It expresses all of the good that we know about our school and all the things that we know are our next steps. As stated by them in the report, 'Leaders are ambitious for the pupils. They have established clear priorities and are taking appropriate action to improve the school further.'

You may have noticed over the last year that the school are really pushing on setting high expectations for all pupils and challenging all pupils to engage and achieve to the best of their ability. This is clearly shown in the SATs results that I sent out last week-completely going against the national picture.

The last thing the lead inspector said as she left the school was, 'this school is on the verge of great things.' Our children deserve nothing less than that. As the Head of School, I am striving for excellence and, with the support of the Academy Trust, our excellent staff team and your support, we are on a strong journey towards it.

Please click on the attached link if you wish to read the report in full.

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Kind regards

Mrs E Collip

Head of School