



# WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to let you know that our Ofsted report has been released.

In it, Ofsted recognised many of our strengths, including that the school is improving considerably and:

- The Headteacher is leading the school with integrity and determination. She is insistent that pupils' needs must come first. She has gained the respect and strong support of staff for her work and the courageous decisions she has taken.
- Pupils' attainment is rising to close to national averages and there are far fewer incidents when pupils behave poorly. In most classes, pupils receive good teaching and behave well.
- Pupils are kept safe in school.
- Children in the early years make good progress from their starting points. Staff work effectively in shared and consistent ways that help children catch up. Early Years is rated as good.
- The school's highly inclusive nature and admirable emphasis on pupils' welfare means that the needs of the many vulnerable pupils are met very well. Pupil's personal development and welfare is rated as good.
- Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), and disadvantaged pupils, make good progress from their starting points.
- Governors perform their strategic roles well.

The report has many positive aspects to it, and therefore we were highly disappointed that the overall judgement remained RI even though recent indications from both the Local Authority and an external Ofsted Inspector were that we would gain an overall good rating. Although we accept we will always have areas to work on, the judgement is frustrating as we have seen a 19% increase in KS2 SATs results over the last two years, the majority of our teaching is described as good and we spend money well to help the most disadvantaged and those with additional needs make good progress.

The areas we continue to work on are:

- Ensuring teaching continues to improve in the minority of classes where it was not judged to be good on the day. However, all year groups were judged to be making good progress in Reading, Writing and Maths books.
- To develop a deeper understanding of fundamental British values.
- Continue Leaders' ambitious plans to improve the curriculum, as it was too soon to judge the impact of this work.
- Continue to work with you, as parents, to help your children learn.

Finally, thank you for the tremendous support you continue to give us. We will act on the areas we need to improve and continue to do the best for our children. We look forward to the new Ofsted criteria, due to be started in September, which places more emphasis on the values we build our school on, such as raising aspiration, broadening our children's views of the world and celebrating learning with parents.

Kind regards

Mrs Janice Addison & Mrs Ruby Grey  
Chair of Governors & Headteacher

