



Helmingham Primary School

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Dear Parents and guardians,

I am delighted to inform you that the full Ofsted report from our two –day inspection is now available on the school website and will be released on the Ofsted site within the next 10 working days.

I am pleased to report that we are no longer considered an inadequate school and whilst we come under the category 'Requires Improvement', Ofsted have recognised our efforts and the improvements that we have already made to further improve our school.

We are delighted that 3 of the 5 areas of judgement are rated good. The inspectors found many positive strengths within the school and were satisfied that the school is already making progress towards ensuring high quality teaching and learning for all children. School Leaders had already identified (and have been working to improve) these areas raised by the Ofsted inspection.

Some key strengths as quoted in the report include:

- Children enjoy coming to school and feel safe.
- Children like meeting up with their friends from Henley.
- Leaders are ambitious for what children can achieve.
- Learning behaviours have improved.
- There is an appropriately challenging, broad and balanced curriculum.
- Clear routines help children play safely and purposefully.
- Pupils show positive attitudes towards their learning.
- Leaders promote pupils personal development well.
- Arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The report recognised the hard work of staff and children in adapting to the changes in the curriculum and the inspectors noted that Leaders have introduced a range of improvements to the school over the last two years. However, more work needs to be undertaken to improve some parts of the curriculum.

We were really pleased with the inspection team; they were very thorough, fair, and listened to what pupils, staff, trustees and indeed, parents had to say about the school. We all felt that they understood the journey of the school since the previous inspection and the trajectory that we are currently on recognising our commitment to further improvements.





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The Trustees consider this a great achievement for the School and are proud of all Staff and Pupils for their efforts during this inspection, the time leading up to the inspection, and the ongoing improvements being made by the school team.

I would like to thank all those who took part in the inspection: staff, trustees, parents and pupils alike. While we acknowledge that the overall grading may be disheartening, it recognises the hard work and determination of the leaders and staff within the school over the last 2 years, and gives us a validation that the path we are on is the right one that will support and encourage the children and community of Helmingham to reach their full potential.

I do hope that as parents, you take the time to read the inspection report in full as it demonstrates the schools commitment to make further improvements with the children at the heart of all that we do.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Hawes".

Stephanie Hawes
Academy Headteacher