



March 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

As you may be aware, we were recently inspected by Ofsted and we are now able to tell you the outcome of that inspection.

Inspectors have rated the school as 'Requires Improvement'. However, they recognised that we were aware of the points they raised and had already implemented measures to tackle them.

We accept their findings, which reflect our own views, and we are pleased they noted that our robust plans were already taking effect and we expect that they will lead to rapid improvements. We appreciate the fact that the Inspectors noted many of our strengths and this validates the hard work being done by our staff and governors. The Inspectors also said that the Governing Body, Senior Leaders and the staff were now focused well on making the necessary improvements.

Strengths that were noted included the sense of warm relationships and of community at the school, effective work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare and pupils' typically polite, courteous and respectful behaviour.

The report said that we promoted pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development well and this reflected our school's ethos and values, having an important positive impact on pupils' attitudes and behaviour. We are also pleased that the Inspectors said our students developed mature attitudes, a sense of social responsibility, respectfulness and tolerance.

Inspectors said the Governing Body was now providing effective support and challenge to the school, and arrangements for safeguarding were effective and pupils felt safe and valued.

As you would expect we take very seriously the areas for improvement noted in the report and we are moving ahead with our action plan to ensure that the progress of all our children reaches the high standards we expect, which includes measures where necessary to improve the outcomes for disadvantaged groups and boys. We will also continue to work on reducing the exclusions and absences for some of our more vulnerable students.

Finally, we were delighted by the overwhelming number of positive responses submitted to Ofsted via Parent View and we would like to thank you, as always, for your support.

Ultimately, our children are at the centre of everything we do here and they will, of course, remain our absolute priority as we move forward together.

A copy of the report is enclosed and should you have any questions about it please do not hesitate to contact me on ofsted@st-johnhoughton.derbyshire.sch.uk by Monday 24 April at 6pm.

Yours sincerely

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