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Dear Parents / Carers,

Ofsted Visit - 5th July 2018

On Thursday 5th July 2018 an Ofsted inspector visited the school for a Section 8 monitoring visit. The aim of the inspection was to see if, *'senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement.'*

As you can see from the attached Ofsted report, they have been very complimentary about what we are trying to achieve at our school and they have stated that the, *'senior leaders and governors **are** taking effective action.'* They have also stated that:

- there is *'ample evidence that work is underway'*
- they concurred where we have placed our priorities
- our outcomes are improving (in some cases above national)
- they complimented us on not just focusing on reading, writing and maths
- *'Early Years is a particular area of strength in the school.'*
- *'...passion for teaching and the desire to try out new ideas and strategies.'*
- *'...a palpable atmosphere of cooperation among the staff so that an appropriate professional culture of dialogue is in place.'*
- *'...relentless drive to improve the school in the interests of the pupils.'*
- He recognised that the children are, *'polite, courteous and respectful'*.

These are just a few highlights from the report, which is a reflection of all the hard work from the children, school staff, governors and parents. This report is supported by our SIAMS report from the Diocese and the latest results from Early Years, Year One Phonics, end of Key Stage One assessments and our Year Six SATs.

The inspector has highlighted two areas for further action:

Firstly, *'ensure that it receives all the funding available to support the learning of disadvantaged pupils,'* which we need **your** assistance with. Last week and emailed again to you today, how to apply for Pupil Premium funding as this gives the school £1300 per child per year to aid the teaching and learning in the school. Even if you meet the criteria for one day, the school receives funding for six years. You **do not** have to have the free school meals; however the funding can help towards trips and our year six residential. It is all completed in such a way that no child is labelled, but it does help your child and their peers. Therefore please try as I need the evidence that people have applied. Any questions about this please come and speak to me in confidence.

Secondly, *'ensure the consistency of provision and outcomes for pupils in all classes'*; this is due to staff changes and we need to ensure that the new teachers adopt our strategies and embed them into their teaching practice as soon as possible.

We are extremely proud in how far we have come since January 2016. The children have responded superbly to the challenges we have put before them; the curriculum is engaging and motivating; the learning spaces are enthusing the children. This is all completed through hard work and a commitment to ensure our children have the opportunities to excel in all aspects of the curriculum. We will not sit on our laurels as we will continue to develop all areas of the education we offer to our children. This can only be achieved with the dedication and commitment of pupils, school staff, governors and parents, who want their child to achieve.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Galvin', written in a cursive style.

John Galvin
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