



Friday 3rd October 2014

Dear Parents / Carers

RE: Outcome of Ofsted Inspection – We are a 'GOOD SCHOOL'.

We are extremely pleased and proud to be able to report to you that the school has been assessed as being a **GOOD** school overall and in each of five key categories of assessment; Leadership and Management, Behaviour and Safety, Quality of Teaching, Achievement of Pupils, as well as Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). EYFS now receives a separate judgement – **a key change since September 2014.**

The school last had an inspection in March 2013 and has improved from 'Requires Improvement' to **GOOD** in 18 months. This is a fantastic achievement and is a reflection of the time, support and commitment given by everyone connected within the school helping to make Worple the best school it can be. Thank you to you all.

Before commenting on the report itself I want to congratulate all our pupils for the way in which they conducted themselves during the inspection. They were extremely well behaved, and extremely polite and courteous at all times. I would also like to thank parents who responded to the online survey. The majority of you said you would recommend the school to others and high degrees of satisfaction were evident from the answers to the other questions. As Ofsted told us – **the results of the parent survey were 'overwhelmingly positive'.**

The key strengths recognised in the school were in the quality of pupils achievement. We have rapidly raised achievement in EYFS, Key Stages 1 and 2. The progress that pupils make from lower than average starting points is considerably higher than national. We are also closing the gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers. The strong leadership was recognised as a key strength particularly in regard to the high expectations, monitoring and leading rapid change in achievement.

The quality of teaching over time is good across the school. Improvements in teaching since the previous inspection have ensured that pupils' achievement has accelerated over the last 18 months. Teachers have high expectations, both in terms of pupils' learning and progress and additional adults are deployed very well to support in learning. Governors are knowledgeable and have high expectations for the school. They understand how the school performs against national standards and ask relevant questions about pupils' achievement and progress.

We are now looking forward to continuing the journey and building on our success. This will include improving the amount of outstanding teaching, developing middle leaders and improving awareness in regards to punctuality.

We have all worked extremely hard over the last two years and the journey has been an extremely rewarding one and we can see the positive benefits of this throughout the school. **OFSTED's recognition of this achievement through the awarding of a 'Good' assessment is a positive validation of all our effort.** All the staff have worked incredibly hard, have shown determination as a team and fully deserve huge recognition for this.

We will be holding a Parents Meeting on Monday 13th October at 2:45pm should you wish to ask questions or discuss the report further. A copy of the report can be found on the school's website www.worple.org

Thank you for your continued support for all the pupils at Worple.

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