

Lexden Springs School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am delighted to be able to share a full copy of the school's latest inspection report with you. As you are aware, the inspection was carried out on 15th January 2019.

The summary of the outcome is that "The leadership team has maintained the Good quality of education in the school since the last inspection. Based on the evidence gathered during this short inspection, I am of the opinion that the school has demonstrated strong practice and marked improvement in specific areas. This may indicate that the school has improved significantly overall. Therefore, I am recommending that the school's next inspection will be a full [sic] inspection." In other words there was sufficient evidence that education in the school is now Outstanding to cause the inspectors to return sometime soon to formally assess that.

This judgement is richly deserved by the excellent school team and I am sure you will join me in congratulating all involved. The school has embraced changes to the Ofsted framework with enthusiasm; this is driven by the determination to provide the very best possible teaching and learning opportunities for all the pupils without ever losing sight of the caring and supportive ethos that makes our school's learning environment so rich.

I am thrilled that the inspector obviously recognised the tireless hard work, commitment, dedication and diligent professionalism that occur every day across our school. It is most gratifying to read that 'The school provides a calm, caring learning environment. Relationships between adults and pupils are very positive. Pupils are welcomed into school each morning by staff with a smile and positive comment. Parents and carers describe the school as 'an amazing school' and 'a fantastic school, well led and managed by a caring team of staff'.

I would like to thank all parents and carers who completed the Ofsted parental survey on-line. Your comments were very helpful to the team. I feel it is worth emphasising that Lexden Springs School strives to be friendly, open and responsive in all matters and is eager to receive your comments, concerns and feedback throughout the year.

Whilst we should celebrate this outcome, we will continue to share a constant desire for improvement. We have a detailed development plan in place to map growth throughout the school and this will be coupled with working on the issues that Ofsted identified during their inspection.

Please feel free to contact Simon Wall or myself via the school, if you wish to discuss any aspect of the report further.

Yours sincerely

David Burrows
Chair Of Governors