

6 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Following our Section 8 inspection, on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May, we can now share a link to the resulting [Ofsted letter](#). I am delighted to share that there has been, “no change to this school's overall judgement of outstanding” as a result of this initial Ofsted (section 8) inspection our outstanding judgement continues. We will receive a full Section 5 Inspection within the next 5 full terms where a larger inspection team will again assess the school to see again whether the evidence gathered fully meets the outstanding grading.

The Ofsted letter acknowledges, “the prolonged period of disruption to staffing caused by COVID-19” our school has experienced through the COVID 19 pandemic and its impact on the school. Ofsted commented that “Pupils are supported by caring staff who know them well” and felt our “Pupils know that learning is important and apply themselves diligently to their work.” They recognised that “Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum in all subjects.” Our teachers were described as having “strong subject knowledge” and being “passionate about their subject.”

Inspectors observed that, “All staff have high expectations for pupils’ behaviour. The behaviour policy is applied consistently. Staff are highly visible around school.” They said “The great majority of pupils respect the school rules.” However, both ourselves and Ofsted recognise that “a few pupils do not consistently meet the high expectations set” and we will continue to strive to strengthen the behaviour of these students. Inspectors felt that “Pupils with SEND are supported by knowledgeable staff who know them well.” However, it was felt that we could further enhance our SEND practice to best meet the needs of our students. We are excited by our newly appointed SENDCo who joins us in September and the difference they will make in driving these enhancements.

I would like to thank our students for their commitment and engagement to our school not only during the inspection, but also over the challenging few years of disruption that they have faced. We would also like to thank parents and carers for your continued support. We would like to thank our staff who give such exceptional service to our school and thank our governing body for their challenge and support. We look forward to working together with you all in our pursuit of delivering an exceptionally high quality of education for our children.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Pratt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr W Pratt

Principal