

Dear Parent/Carer,

24th March 2017

I am writing to you regarding our recent Ofsted inspection.

I am pleased to tell you that the Ofsted inspectors recognised a number of the school's strengths:

- Early Years teaching, learning and leadership were judged to be good. The pupils get off to a good start and make good progress in their development of early language and literacy.
- Pupil behaviour is good and they say they are happy and feel safe in school. Vulnerable families are well supported to improve pupils' safety, welfare and attendance.
- The curriculum has a broad range of topics and subjects which have a positive impact on pupils' personal development, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities are taught and supported well and make good progress towards their individual learning targets.

However, the school was judged to 'require improvement' as there are some areas that still need further development to achieve 'good':

- The effectiveness of leadership and management needs to ensure that teaching is monitored well and pupils make good progress. Pupil premium funding needs to be used effectively to improve the outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.
- Ensure that outcomes for pupils are at least good, particularly those entitled to pupil premium (disadvantaged) and increase the proportion of KS1 pupils that make good progress from Early Years.
- Develop a consistent approach to teaching, learning and assessment across the school. Set work for pupils, especially for the most able, that is sufficiently challenging and well matched to their abilities.

We are working with Paul Harris, Executive Headteacher of Curwen Primary and Nursery School and Kensington Primary School and Acting Executive Headteacher of Ranelagh Primary School and Rebecca Cheetham Nursery School and Children's Centre on an action plan to make these improvements.

The full Ofsted report is available on the school's website and I would encourage you to read it. If you would like a paper copy, please collect it from the school office. If you wish to discuss the report, please make an appointment at the office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Yours sincerely,

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