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OFSTED INSPECTION 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to attach a copy of the Ofsted report from our recent inspection. The school had a two-day section 8 inspection and this seeks to confirm whether the school should retain the rating from last time. At our last inspection in 2016, we were judged to be a good school with many outstanding features and this new inspection, with heightened expectations, reinforced that. I am delighted that Ringwood Junior School remains a good school, with many outstanding features.

This is a real achievement since we were one of the first schools to be inspected under the new, more challenging Ofsted framework. It was an intensive experience but we felt that the lead inspector was thorough and rigorous, but fair. She listened to what we had to say and took the time to get to know the school. Helpful feedback was given and the inspector related well to staff and children.

The inspection focused on the Quality of Education and looked at the way the curriculum is planned, the learning experiences the children receive and the impact this has on their learning. Ofsted makes this judgement by inspecting a selection of subjects in depth. They call these 'deep dives'. All schools receive a 'deep dive' in reading, and we had further 'deep dives' in Geography, Science and SEND. Our curriculum was a key strength with our inspector verbally referring to it as 'ambitious'. It showed how work was 'carefully planned and taught through engaging projects'. The inspector found that pupils could 'talk confidently about their ideas' and were 'adept at recalling facts and information'.

The inspection looked at pupils' personal development and the care and support of all staff was recognised, as was the excellent learning behaviour in the classroom and around the school. The inspector was impressed with the wide variety of jobs offered to pupils to contribute to the smooth running of the school and the large number of extra-curricular clubs on offer. She commented on our TERRIFIC values, which are deeply embedded and understood by all, and which guide the life and work of our school.

Safeguarding is a major focus in all inspections and it is judged either as 'effective' or 'ineffective'. Through having a strong culture of care, with staff ever-vigilant, we were judged to be 'effective' and meet the requirements in all areas.



We were delighted with the outcomes of our Ofsted inspection. At the verbal feedback, we were told that this was a very strong 'good'.

In order to continue our journey to become an outstanding school (exceptional in every aspect) we have to continue to refine our curriculum, ensuring pupils build subject-specific skills, knowledge and understanding, and secondly, to ensure pupils with SEND always have well-matched learning tasks in English. Certainly, the first action is on every schools' agenda as schools seek to develop their curriculum to meet Ofsted's requirements, which were only introduced in September.

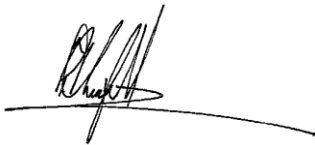
Given that there is such short notice for inspections, we were very pleased and appreciative of the 98 responses the inspectors received from the online survey. I know many of you took the time to write comments or speak to the inspector at the end of the first day. The survey was overwhelmingly positive with 99% of parents saying they would recommend this school to others.

I hope you will take time to read the report and share in our success. The report is much shorter in length, does not mention individuals by name and is written expressly for parents. It seeks to give a view of what it is like to attend our school and what our school does well and needs to do next to continue improving.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your children, staff and governors for the dedication, teamwork and commitment which is reflected in the hard work that everyone puts in, day in, day out, to provide the best education for all of our children.

We are now on a journey together towards outstanding.

Yours sincerely



Paul Thursfield
Chair of Governors



Sally-Ann Evans
Headteacher



Here are a selection of quotes from the report:

“Leaders, governors and staff have the very highest aspirations for pupils.”

“Pupils are full of enthusiasm for the school. They enjoy lessons because teachers make learning enjoyable.”

“Throughout the school pupils behave well. Pupils join in their lessons keenly because they want to learn.”

“Pupils treasure the time that they spend reading.”

“Staff are vigilant and create a strong culture of care.”

