



Asquith Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the visit Ofsted to our school in March they have now published their report which is available on our website.

The inspection team praised many aspects of our school such as.

'Staff put the care of pupils at the core of everything they do. They support the wellbeing of pupils and their families. Pupils become confident and resilient and learn to respect others.'

'Leaders are equally ambitious for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).'

'Mathematics is a strength of the school.'

'Staff provide skilled support for pupil's social and emotional needs.'

'Leaders have ensured that staff teach the early reading programme consistently.'

'Children in the early years are well looked after. Relationships are strong. Staff know the children well.'

Quite rightly the inspection team identified areas that the school needs to work on, such as elements of the wider curriculum – which as a school we have already been working on and will continue to do so.

Unfortunately, the overall judgment given by Ofsted is that of 'Requires Improvement'. This is not a category of concern for Ofsted – it means that the next inspection will be in a couple of years' time rather than in four/five years' time.

The school is disappointed with the report and do not feel that it accurately reflects the hard work of the staff team and the progress and achievement of our children, many of whom start their educational journey well below the national average.

The publication of the report was delayed due to the school filing a complaint about the report as it was felt that some of the evidence gathered in the inspection was not accurate or broad enough and that a true picture of the school was not given. As a school we felt that key pieces of evidence were ignored, such as KS2 SATs results and the significant progress made in developing subject leadership across the school. Ofsted investigates its own

complaints and as a school we do not see, at any point, the written evidence on which their report is based.

While disappointed with the outcome we believe that Asquith has much to be proud of. We have a dedicated staff who put the needs of the children at the heart of what they do. We serve a community that is diverse and that brings issues that many schools do not face. We have a high level of SEND and we are truly inclusive. We are proud of what our children achieve and the progress they make.

We will continue to do what we believe is best for our children. We have clear priorities for the year ahead that recognise areas that need improvement.

Thank you for your continued support for your child and for our school.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Clare Harding', with a stylized, cursive script.

Clare Harding
Head Teacher