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OFSTED Inspection Report

Thursday 16th January, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the OFSTED report we have received this week following our inspection at the end of November 2024. The inspection process was, quite rightly, rigorous and thorough and the inspection team saw our school as it typically is throughout the two days.

During the inspection, the team of inspectors spoke to a significant number of children across the school, both in class and in separate groups without school staff present, and truly gained their view of what it is like to be a pupil at Fordley Primary School. For me, as Headteacher (and our governors and staff team), the most important voice is that of our children and the lead inspector spoke extremely highly of our children throughout the inspection.

Key aspects of strength identified were:

- Pupils' enjoy positive, caring relationships with staff. This helps them to feel safe and happy in school
- In the Early Years, children benefit from warm relationships with staff. Children are settled and happy in all classes
- Pupils are clear that bullying is not an issue in the school
- Pupils have positive attitudes to learning. They are attentive in lessons and take pride in their work
- The school has developed an ambitious and broad curriculum that is designed to enable all pupils to achieve well
- Disadvantaged pupils make strong progress in learning the curriculum



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- The school has a clear system for identifying pupils with SEND. Teachers use this system effectively to ensure that pupils with SEND get the support that they need
- The school prepares pupils well for life in Modern Britain
- Governors provide effective support and challenge to ensure that all pupils receive the education that they deserve

Every year, as a school, we have a School Development Plan which details any areas for improvement we have identified through observing teaching and learning, outcomes of assessments, talking to the children and staff, and national education priorities which we will be working on throughout the year. OFSTED fully agreed with these and identified two as the areas for improvement to be noted in the report (which is attached to this letter). They were very clear that we (staff and governors) know our school exceptionally well and are very well placed to continue to go from strength to strength to despite the very challenging year we had last year.

As always if you have any questions regarding the report I am outside at the front of the building most mornings and afternoons or you can email office@fordleyprimary.org.uk and I will be able to answer them directly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C.L. Withers
Headteacher

