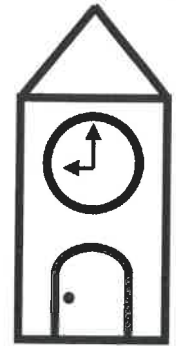


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Dear Parents

As you are aware, our recent Ofsted inspection took place on 3-4th July 2018. The report will be live from 23rd July on the Ofsted website at <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk>. A copy of the report is also attached and is on the school website.

During the inspection the Lead Inspector made a number of observations which reflect the judgements which had already been made by the school through its self-evaluation processes. The report confirms and reassures us that the actions already being taken are effectively addressing areas of school improvement and I would encourage you to read through the report in its entirety.

You will be aware that earlier this year the school received a second Warning Notice from the Local Authority as a result of falling standards. This has been acted upon immediately by the newly appointed Headteacher and leadership team - consequently significant improvements have been made. Although opportunities to embed changes have not yet had time to demonstrate their full impact on standards, the report accurately identifies that 'The new headteacher's strong leadership and actively ambitious vision for the future are securing swift improvements'. This vision is strongly supported by the whole school community.

Although the school has been judged overall as 'Requires Improvement' the content of the report makes it clear that historical concerns are being addressed and that the 'pace of development in the school has accelerated in the past academic year'. The report recognises the many strengths of the school and highlights areas which are already securely 'Good'. In particular, the behaviour and attitudes displayed by the children were identified and deservedly praised within the report.

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The Governing Body are confident that rapid and rigorous action will ensure that all pupils of Friday Bridge Primary School make good progress, have access to a wide and enriching curriculum and have every opportunity to maximise their potential. The Governors and Headteacher will continue to work, with the support of the Local Authority, to build upon our foundations and implement all recommendations. This report provides a benchmark for the current leadership team to judge our future successes.

We are extremely proud of our school. As the report accurately identified - 'Pupils live up to the school's vision of 'aspire, believe, succeed, excel' through their commitment to learning'.

We would like to thank all parents for your ongoing support and for the positive feedback received during the inspection.

If any of you wish to discuss any aspect of the report please make an appointment to meet with the Headteacher or a representative of the Governing Body.

Kind Regards



Leonard Veenendaal
Chair of Governors

