



7th February 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Please find attached the Inspection Report from our recent Ofsted visit.

The inspection was conducted under a new, more challenging framework which was introduced in September. The focus has moved from the core areas of Maths and English to the whole curriculum, ensuring that what is offered to children is broad and balanced.

As you will see from the report, Heytesbury Primary continues to be a *good school*. Plans have been laid for the organisation of all subjects in line with the new Ofsted expectations (Septembers 2019), but there is work to be done to ensure the implementation of these plans.

We are delighted that the report recognises the effort that the whole school community makes in ensuring that the children have a positive learning experience. Ofsted states that:

- *Leaders aim for pupils to achieve well and encourage pupils to fly high on their 'vision vessel' and learn more.*
- *Leaders' aspirations for pupils are evident in the school's values and planned curriculum.*
- *Parents value the family atmosphere.*
- *Parents appreciate the school's flexible approach to dealing with their children's needs, particularly when their children have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).*
- *They (The pupils) enjoy projects that challenge them, such as building their metal sculptures.*
- *Clubs and visits extend pupils' experience of school.*
- *Children in early years get off to a good start in reading.*
- *Year 1 pupils are forging ahead with their phonic knowledge.*

Over the next few months, our focus will be on implementing our new curriculum, making it more sequential and enabling children to 'know more and remember more'. The senior leaders, subject leaders and Academy Council will ensure that resources are in place to support this, and that the teaching and monitoring is consistently strong.

Over the last year, we have had a 'push' on reading, particularly in Early Years and KS1. There is recognition of this in the report. We now need to continue this drive through all of KS2 so that our excellent reading results, over the last few years at the end of Year 6, continue.

We have recently invested in a new scheme of work and linked resources to enhance our current PSHE curriculum that will help to enable the children to develop a wider cultural awareness. This new scheme will begin next term.

We are extremely lucky to have a dedicated team of staff and governors at Heytesbury School – a team, who with your support, will work tirelessly to ensure ongoing improvements and developments for the good of your children.

If you have any questions, do speak with Mrs Godfrey.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Academy Council

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