



19th March 2015

Dear Parents

Here is a further update on how we are progressing since the last Ofsted Inspection.

The school has not received any further HMI monitoring visits since 18th June 2014 when the Inspector considered our school had not benefitted from enough external support and was hopeful this would be expanded further.

As a result of these comments our partnership school has been changed and we are pleased to say the last six months has seen a very productive and effective working partnership evolve.

Moderation

This is an area which has been constantly monitored. Even though all teachers did exceptionally well when moderators came to visit last year, they are still working with other local schools who form part of our collaboration, to ensure assessment is continuously accurate and consistent throughout the school.

Monitoring

The teaching and progress is regularly monitored within school by the senior leadership team, governors and external professionals. This is evidenced by the planning, books, questioning, learning environment and lesson observations.

Intervention

There is now a rigorous intervention programme throughout the whole school, to ensure any gaps in learning are addressed quickly and each child is on track to reach their targets. Many thanks to the parents who are helping with this at home.

Data

Our latest assessment data, viewed by our partnership school, specialist teachers and CfBT (Education Trust) shows everything we have put in place is having a positive effect.

The Governing Body

This changed dramatically 18 months ago and all our governors have been involved in training and are actively involved in the strategic development of the school and have been carrying out regular monitoring visits .

Attendance

This is slowly improving and every child's attendance is monitored closely. We are aware sometimes your child may be 'a bit under the weather', however, our school is more than happy for you to send them in and we will contact you if they deteriorate throughout the day. Children often wake up with a tummy ache or headache but are totally fine as soon as they become involved in the activities of the day. Any child with attendance, for any reason – sick/holiday/medical appointment) of 90% or less is classed as a persistently absent child. These are the children closely monitored by the Education Welfare Services. In July each child will receive details of their attendance throughout the year. Please be aware the school

is facing increasing pressure to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to families who take their children out of school for holidays.

We will continue to keep you updated and hope you are as pleased as we are with the progress made so far.

Thank you,

Mrs A Moore
Headteacher