

8 November 2018

Dear Parents,

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on the 18th and 19th September 2018. The full report will be published on the OFSTED website by Friday 9th November 2018. However, we are allowed to inform parents and carers of the outcome in advance.

Previously the school was judged as 'Requires Improvement' in February 2016. However, in this recent inspection, *the school was judged overall to be within the category of 'Inadequate' (4)*. The governors and staff members are really disappointed about this and, no doubt, you are too.

It is easy to focus on these headlines but the report was not entirely negative. The inspectors did find key strengths within the school, including:

- *Leadership and teaching in the early years are good. Children make strong progress from their different starting points.*
- *Pupils feel happy and safe at school. They enjoy learning because of the interesting topics they study.*
- *Teaching in The Haven is strong. Adults support pupils' academic, social and emotional needs well.*
- *The recently appointed governing body is beginning to challenge leaders to improve the school.*
- *In 2018, the proportions of pupils achieving the expected standards increased significantly, particularly in writing and maths.*

Obviously, inspectors also highlighted a number of key areas which the school needs to focus on for improvement. We expected this. It's important to note that a good number of the areas for improvement were going to be addressed anyway. We honestly feel that, if the inspectors had come two or three months after they did, then they would have seen a very different school and we would have seen a very different report.

We want to reassure you that the staff, governors and Local Authority are working together to secure rapid improvements in the identified areas in the report. Leaders have already put into place many key changes and these improvements are starting to demonstrate impact.

One of the key areas identified for improvement is pupil attendance. You may have already noticed strategies we have put in place to reward good attendance, but we do need parental support to ensure pupils are in school, on time, every day.

We would like to reassure you that all staff and governors in school are committed to providing the best education for the children of Stockingford Primary School. To a certain extent the findings of the inspection were not a surprise given the significant changes in leadership during last 18 months. Leaders now have a clear strategy for improving the school and we are confident that, by working together with all parents, we can secure greater outcomes for our children.

We need to make you aware that, due to the outcome of the inspection, the school has to become a sponsored academy. This matter is currently being dealt with at the Department for Education, in consultation with the local authority, and we will let you know what this means when we know more.

To give you more opportunity to discuss concerns you may have regarding the OFSTED report and the progress that we are already making in improving the school, we would like to invite you to an open parents' meeting at school on 20 November 2018. There will be two meetings for you to attend, either at 9.10am or at 6:00 pm. If you would like to share any comments or feedback before this time, please send these for my attention to admin2121@welearn365.com.

We look forward to having the opportunity to talk further with you at that time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracey McGeever". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of a horizontal line that extends from the left margin.

Tracey McGeever
Headteacher