

Friday 20th October 2017

Dear Parents,
OFSTED Inspection Letter

I write to share with you the letter from the OFSTED inspection that took place a few weeks ago.

The HMI Inspector was pleased to state that our school continues to provide a **good** standard of education for our pupils and that leaders and Governors understand the school well and continue to drive the school forwards with focus on all the right areas. Indeed, the few 'next steps' outlined in the attached letter were already within our School Improvement Plan and well underway, with the inspector pleased to see progress in pupil work this term.

We are never complacent however, and even though securing a GOOD judgement is a cause for celebration, we will strive towards **OUTSTANDING!**

As Headteacher, I would like to thank the whole staff team for their drive and passion, their relentless energy and commitment to getting things right for our pupils. I would like to thank the Governors for their fantastic support and challenge as a 'critical friend'. I would also like to thank our parents and the local community for all you do to support us and your wonderful words of encouragement during the inspection itself. Whilst I was not 'allowed' to have a copy of the open text comments made on ParentView, I was delighted to hear the way parents wrote with passion about the pastoral support we offer, naming so many individual staff for their relentless energy in getting things right for children in our school. The inspector told us that we are the first school she has inspected where comments on communication were ALL positive – this was fantastic news, and we will continue to develop our home school communications, building on our positive partnerships. Where a few parents had mentioned other development points, never fear, we will take these on board moving forwards.

Our pupils deserve this successful report, as does the whole school community – we are a true community school and will continue to work hard to serve our families. Our pupils are the real stars – their behaviour and enthusiasm has made all of this possible. They continue to astound us, each and every day - so keen to learn; so full of fun.

I would recommend that you do take the time to read the OFSTED letter attached and join me in being so proud of what we have achieved together.

Yours sincerely,

Ian N Yapp
Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As Chair of Governors, I would like to add a few words to the above.....

As you will see, the report recognises that Riverside has made huge steps forward over the past few years and, as Governors, we have no doubt that Mr Yapp and the team, with the continued pro-active support of parents, will drive the school forward to bigger and better things over the coming months and years!

The Governors are particularly pleased that the inspection report echoes so many areas of the school's own self-evaluation. The areas for further improvement are **all** part of the current School Improvement Plan and the report really does recognise that all the groundwork is in place to keep Riverside moving forward. We will continue to keep you posted about the actions that the school takes in our termly newsletters.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support and assistance of parents and carers that helps to make Riverside School the wonderful place it is and it is really positive to see your support acknowledged in the report. I wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ian C Butler
Chair of Governors