



Monday 11th February 2013

Dear Parents,

OFSTED Inspection Report

On behalf of the Governing Body, I write to share with you the report from the OFSTED inspection that took place a few weeks ago.

The inspection team were delighted with our school and the progress we have made since the previous inspection. As you will see, all aspects of the school have been graded as *GOOD*, with some very positive language throughout, showing just what a 'solid' judgement this is.

We are pleased that the school has achieved such a sound report under the challenging new inspection regime which started in September 2012. With expectations on schools continuing to grow and many schools effectively being down-graded from previous inspections, we believe that moving from *SATISFACTORY* to *GOOD* really does show a marked improvement.

We will not, however, rest on our laurels, as whilst there are very few targets in the report, our *GOOD* judgement was so strong that we should now look to move to *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 parents and the local community for all you do to support us and your wonderful words of encouragement during the inspection itself. Most of all, though, our pupils deserve this success - 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 school OFSTED report 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 Development 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.

Yours sincerely,

Ian C Butler
Chair of Governors



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