



WEST BOROUGH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

### RE – Ofsted Inspection 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017

As you know we had a full Ofsted inspection last month and we are delighted to announce that the report has now been published. If you receive emails, a copy will be emailed to you; if you do not receive emails, a copy can be found on our website or a paper copy can be collected from the school office.

**West Borough Primary School is a GOOD school!**

Following our 2 day visit by 3 inspectors our school was judged to be *good* with *outstanding* features. We hope you will take time to read the report as we believe it truly reflects our school and acknowledges the continued drive that all members of our school community have to make our school the best possible place for our pupils.

Ofsted use 4 gradings: *Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement and Inadequate*. They use these terms to grade several different areas of the school. We were graded as the following:

#### **Effectiveness of Leadership and Management – OUTSTANDING**

This area includes all aspects of the school's leadership, including Governance. In particular they praised:

- The school's relentless efforts to ensure that pupils are well taught
- How quickly additional support is provided where pupils need it, ensuring good progress
- The broad and balanced curriculum which generates excitement
- How additional funding the school receives is used to benefit pupils (SEN, Pupil Premium & Sports Premium)
- The school's support for other local schools
- How well the Governors know the school and hold leaders to account
- How effective the school's safeguarding arrangements are

#### **Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment – GOOD**

Highlights include:

- Excellent relationships between staff and pupils
- Teachers know their pupils exceptionally well
- Pupils enjoy their learning and want to learn
- TAs support pupils well in improving their learning
- The teaching of reading, writing and maths is strong and develops key skills in an interesting way
- Staff have high expectations of their pupils

#### **Personal development and welfare - OUTSTANDING**

- Pupils are exceptionally polite to staff and each other
- Pupils are resilient and know it's ok to make mistakes and to learn from these
- Children feel safe and know who they can talk to
- The school offers a wide range of after-school clubs and enrichment opportunities which the children are enthusiastic about
- Pupils are proud of the additional responsibilities they have
- Incidents of bullying and racism are extremely rare

## **Behaviour – GOOD**

- Behaviour is good in the classroom and outside at playtimes and lunchtimes
- Break times are very well organised with lots of activities on offer
- Pupils make good choices regarding their behaviour
- Attendance is improving and the school is challenging and supporting families where improvement is needed

## **Outcomes – GOOD**

This area focuses on how pupils achieve and progress during their time in the school:

- The standards that pupils achieve by the time they leave in Year 6 are above those of other schools nationally
- Pupils make rapid progress during their time in the school
- SEN and more able pupils make good and rapid progress and are challenged appropriately
- Learning in pupils books show good progress is being made
- Disadvantaged pupils achieve well

## **Early Years Provision – OUTSTANDING**

This is a separate grade for pupils in our Nursery and Year R Classes:

- Children make outstanding progress from their starting points because teaching is outstanding
- Leadership of the Early years is outstanding
- Children behave exceptionally well
- Learning is purposeful
- Transition arrangements are effective and parents are hugely positive and valued
- Children persevere with their learning and are resilient
- Every opportunity is taken to develop pupils personal qualities

We are so proud of this report in which Ofsted recognises the outstanding work of the school and the significant improvements made in the last 2 years, since the last inspection – this includes pupils, parents and families too. Thank you for your continued support of the school and that of your wonderful children.

As always, the journey doesn't end here, and we hope you'll join us on our journey to OUTSTANDING, which is almost in reach!

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter or the report, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely



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