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Dear Parents,

Please find attached a copy of our recent Ofsted Inspection undertaken on Wednesday 13th October 2021 and Thursday 14th October 2021. This report can be found on our school website as well as on Ofsted's Website from 23/11/2021.

The school was last inspected 15 years ago and graded under a previous inspection framework which mainly focused on school data to judge success. This is the first time the School has been assessed since then.

We are delighted to confirm that Welford on Avon Primary School has achieved a Good across all categories.

Chris Russell- Ofsted's National Director of Education states in a recent publication:

'There is no doubt that under the current inspection framework that outstanding is a challenging and exacting judgement to achieve. A school that has been judged outstanding a good many years ago is inspected again and judged to be good. That doesn't mean that the school has declined in recent years, in fact, the opposite can be the case'

We all think very highly of our amazing school, which we continue to see as a happy and vibrant educational environment that promotes positive attitudes for learning and an ethos where each child is valued and offered every opportunity to work, learn and succeed.

The new rating reflects the dedication of our experienced, qualified staff who have the highest possible expectations for the academic success of our children, as well as the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of every individual, preparing them at school for future life responsibilities and experiences.

The report states that this is a "close-knit school community" with "highly committed staff". Inspectors noted that our PSHE curriculum help pupils feel safe and "learn about how to keep themselves safe". The report is also very clear that the School "provides pupils with a very caring and nurturing environment to learn in", with a strong emphasis on promoting values, as well as supporting mental health and wellbeing.

Our carefully planned, broad and balanced curriculum was also praised, with the inspectors noting that pupils leave Year 6 having achieved “high academic outcomes in English and Mathematics”. Our strong phonics and reading programme - which is dedicated to making sure pupils can read quickly, accurately and fluently at the end of KS2- was singled out with the report stating that our pupils “really enjoy reading and staff ensure that they take every opportunity to promote a love of reading”.

The report highlights that “there is a very inclusive ethos across the school” in which we deliver the best for each pupil through our approach to Special Educational Needs. It adds “staff understand pupils’ needs and difficulties and adapt learning to meet those needs...and these pupils are achieving very well”.

The Inspectors did draw our attention to some specific areas where we can still improve, including further development in some subjects, so that children build on prior knowledge from previous years. Our ongoing commitment to improvement is continuously addressed through our school development plan and these points had already been recognised and included.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Governors, our pupils and staff and our families for always helping us deliver the exemplary care, guidance and support necessary for our pupils to feel safe and enjoy school.

We could not have achieved this rating without you, especially during an extremely challenging period of ongoing disruption, interruption and uncertainty in the delivery of education.

Recent circumstances have not prevented us from continuing to provide a high-quality education for our pupils, (which was recognised by inspectors) and although we have still not returned to a completely pre-pandemic school setting, restrictions have eased and we are focused on strengthening and embedding our curriculum subjects.

We have always had the highest expectations for your children and we know that for many of you, as parents, this is the reason you have chosen Welford-on-Avon Primary. Please be assured that everyone at the School shares a passion for education and will work tirelessly to help your children fulfil their potential and deliver their aspirations by providing an excellent education for each and every one of our pupils.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julie Leeman
Headteacher



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