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OFSTED INSPECTION – 7th and 8th March 2018

Dear Parents,

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on 7th and 8th March 2018. The full report has been attached to this letter, and you can also view the report on the OFSTED website today.

The grades that can be awarded are Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3) or Inadequate (4). In recent years the term 'Requires Improvement' has replaced the previous grading of 'Satisfactory' in the new OFSTED inspections.

Previously the school was judged as 'Good' (2) in October 2012. However, in this recent inspection, **the school was judged overall to be within the category of 'Requires Improvement' (3).**

Having said that, *the inspectors found many strengths within the school and were satisfied that Leaders have high aspirations for the school and its pupils and they have appropriate priorities and plans for improvement in place.*

OFSTED said that school leaders 'have shaped the curriculum to correctly prioritise the teaching of basic skills. They know they have to develop this further.' They also praised the work the school does to develop children's early reading skills through the effective teaching of phonics.

OFSTED also praised the work the school is doing to protect pupils and keep them safe and that a lot of work is done to support children's personal development and wellbeing, including improving attendance. The report also states that 'Pupils are very confident that the staff will always deal with any incidents of bullying straight away.'

Inspectors identified that support for pupils who have special educational needs is effective and this enables them to make positive progress.

The school provides a broad and balanced curriculum that includes all subjects of the National Curriculum and meets statutory requirements. Pupils are taught about a range of world faiths, and visitors and visits enhance this. Discussions with pupils demonstrate that their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is strong.

The report also recognises that *the governing body understands their roles and responsibilities and bring a range of professional skills to enhance their impact on school improvement. They are clear about their role in challenging and supporting the leaders of the school.*

Inspectors also highlighted **key areas which require improvement**. These include:

- Improve pupils' attainment and progress in reading and writing, especially for boys in key stage 2, by:
 - developing pupils' inference and deduction skills
 - extending pupils' vocabulary [SEP]
 - ensuring the consistent and accurate teaching of handwriting
 - providing more opportunities for older pupils to write at length.
- Improve the quality of teaching and learning across the school, particularly in key stage 2, by ensuring that:
 - tasks are matched more carefully to the pupils' abilities
 - pupils have opportunities to apply their mathematical skills
 - teachers have consistently high expectations of their pupils.
- Improve the quality of leadership, management and self-evaluation by ensuring that the monitoring of teaching and work sampling is rigorous and focuses sharply on the learning and progress of all pupils. [SEP]
- Improve the effectiveness of the early years, by:
 - develop the outdoors to match the quality of the indoors [SEP]
 - improve the accuracy of assessment to help staff plan
 - teaching children to form letters correctly.

It is obviously very disappointing for all members of our school community that the outcome of the inspection has found that the school requires improvement and will undoubtedly be very disappointing for you as parents. However, it must be said that ***all staff in the school, together with the strong partnerships with families and our dedicated Governing Body, are committed to providing the best possible education for the children of Hunslet Carr Primary School.***

To give parents 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 either Thursday 19th April at 3.30pm (in the Year 6 classroom) or Friday 20th April at 9.00am (in the main school hall)** and the school will organise crèche facilities for parents with very young children.

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

Kind Regards
Mr Martin Lumb
Headteacher

Mrs Claire Burgess
Chair of Governors

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