

Burscough Village Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share our most recent 'Good' Ofsted report with you. We are extremely proud of the report which highlights so many beautiful aspects that make our school special.

Most notably, our pupils shine, like they do every day. They loved talking about Burscough Village explaining all the wonderful things they learn and engage in at school. The report describes our pupils as considerate and kind, with the ability to treat the community with respect and celebrate differences. The children are successful in all Key Stages.

The staff create an environment where children feel safe, can share their worries, gain confidence and build resilience. Staff are knowledgeable across the curriculum and thrive when approaching new challenges that encourage children to become the best that they can be. Staff are overwhelmingly proud to work at Burscough Village.

When partnerships between school and parents are strong, children are able to flourish. The 'Come learn with me' sessions have been extremely well attended this year and you all need to be commended for this. Standards in reading, particularly in Early years and Key Stage 1, have improved due to the strong focus on this area last half term. Thank you for helping us to support your children effectively.

We identified the areas that we still need to develop. These are the school improvement targets this year. We are developing our history curriculum which has been adapted and clearly planned with key knowledge for the children to learn. We need to see the new history curriculum through for a few years, so children are able to speak knowledgeably about the content.

Another aspect that we shared with the Ofsted inspector is our wish to develop the Maths curriculum further. We have worked hard to raise standards over the past five years using the Lancashire Maths curriculum. This has served its purpose to upskill staff and ensure that the Maths curriculum has full coverage. Children achieve well in Maths and our school standards demonstrate that children achieve in line, and in most cases, better than national.

Our Maths Team are currently working with the 'Maths Hub' to research the best scheme for our children to develop a more Mastery approach. This will mean that the children will cover mathematical content in more depth rather than moving on to the next topic to revisit at a later date. We are aiming for the new scheme of work to be in place for September.

This was an ungraded inspection where the school remains a 'good' school. We believe that in many aspects we are 'Outstanding.' We will continue our School Improvement journey to develop for our children. The school is likely to be inspected in four years and we hope this will be a graded inspection to reflect this.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Smith Headteacher