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“Every child deserves to be the best they can be”

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Dear parents / carers,

The Ofsted report from our recent inspection has now been published.

We are delighted that Ofsted have recognised the many strengths at Grove. They found reading to be a strength, which we are thrilled about, as this has been a focus for improvement over the last couple of years.

They recognised that we are working hard to develop a high quality broad and balanced curriculum. Whilst this work is in the early stages (much of this development was paused during Covid), the inspectors had great confidence that we had identified the correct areas for development and that our work on improvement was of a high quality.

They found behaviour to be of a high standard across the school. They agreed with the senior leaders however, that behaviour for learning was an area for further development. This refers to how well children show a strong work ethic and concentration. This has undoubtedly been impacted hugely by time out of school routine during Covid, but we are already working to address this through our wellbeing and mental health support programmes.

There were many strengths in personal development and, like us, they were pleased to see the extra-curricular activities such as clubs, swimming, sporting competitions, School of Rock, discos and film nights resuming. We aim to continue improving these and offering as broad a range as possible.

Safeguarding was rightly recognised as a strength, with praise for the rigour and detail of our records. Children said that they felt safe.


They also recognised that the provision for children with Special Educational Needs is of a high standard, ensuring that their needs are met.

The report mentions as an area for development that we need to do more to ensure that we feed back to parents and children when bullying allegations have been made. Whilst Ofsted recognise that we always address any allegations of bullying, some children and parents said that they were not always informed of the outcomes. I want to reassure you that, as a leadership team, we take this extremely seriously. We have therefore already amended our bullying allegation process, to ensure that any allegations are now investigated by a member of the Senior Leadership Team (rather than class teachers), and the feedback to children and parents / carers has been strengthened.

I also want to reassure you that, as the report recognises, we have the very highest aspirations and ambitions for providing the very best education and care for your children and will continue working hard to constantly improve.

If you have any comments to make or queries to raise with me, please do email them into the office for my attention (grove@espritmat.org).

Many thanks for your continued support.


Mrs S Carrigan
Academy Principal

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