



# Holme Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: Ofsted**

As you know, we received an ungraded inspection from Ofsted on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024. The aim of this inspection was to determine whether the school continued to be a good school. We are delighted that inspectors confirmed that **we continue to be a good school.**

We've attached the report for your information but want to highlight a few areas that we are really proud of:

- Pupils, and their parents and carers are proud to be part of this welcoming school community.
- Staff offer strong support, which pupils' value.
- Pupils, including children in the early years, relish coming to school each day.
- The school's motto of 'happy children succeed' underpins everything that they do.
- The school has ambitious expectations for pupil achievement and behaviour.
- Pupils work hard.
- Pupils take pleasure in learning.
- Pupils achieve well.
- Pupils' behaviour is noteworthy. They treat each other with respect.
- Pupils, including those with Special Educational Needs and disabilities, experience a wide range of learning opportunities which meet their needs well.
- Teachers are highly knowledgeable about the subjects they teach.
- The school places a strong emphasis on pupils' wider development.
- Pupils are prepared well for life in modern Britain.
- There have been considerable changes to this school since the last inspection.
- Governors are highly skilled. They have a secure understanding of the strengths of the school and the priorities for improvement.
- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

We were also delighted, in the inspectors' feedback session to governors, that they also highlighted three areas that they described as being of 'exceptional quality'. Those were:

- Support for pupil wellbeing
- Wider development opportunities including trips and clubs
- Pupil behaviour

Unusually, we have been given only one area for development. This was an area that was already identified on our school improvement plan, and focusses on ensuring our activities in all subject areas support more pupils to bring together and connect knowledge from across the

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curriculum to support their subject knowledge. Inspectors were satisfied that we were already working on this and we will continue to prioritise it.

I want to pay an enormous tribute to our pupils, they are truly amazing and this report recognises that. Thanks also go to our staff team, they showed Ofsted what we do every single day and I am delighted that their skill, passion, commitment and dedication has been recognised. Our governors were also recognised for their skill; volunteers who care deeply about the success of our pupils and work hard to continuously drive the school forward. Finally, thank you to everyone who spoke to the inspectors. They were overwhelmed with positive responses, far beyond what they normally receive. They shared a few with me, and it was humbling to hear the high regard in which the school is held. Thank you for your support.

The next inspection will be in four years' time. Until then, we will continue to work hard to make Holme Community School the very best place to be for the children of our community.

With best wishes,

Susan Turner  
Chair of Governors

Craig Dewar-Willox  
Headteacher