

# Inspection Report

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Dear Parents,

I'm writing to update you on our Ofsted Inspection, following the inspectors' visit in January. Their report is attached, and I would encourage you all to give it a read.

There are many positives to take from the report - which, for instance, identifies that "pupils feel happy and safe" at Oakfield and that we are "ambitious for all pupils to be successful".

The inspection itself was also an extremely positive experience. The inspectors were very impressed with the caring, welcoming and family ethos of the school and what a happy place it is to be in. They were also overwhelmed by how much pupils and parents voiced their support for Oakfield - the Lead Inspector had never seen so many positive survey responses!

However, I'm sure you'll share my disappointment in the news that the school's overall grading result remains at Requires Improvement.

I very much appreciate this is not a result any parent would hope to see for their child's school, but I do want to share with you that we were asked to improve three areas at our previous inspection:

- Identifying and supporting pupils with SEND
- Low level disruption and understanding the causes of poor behaviour
- Develop curriculum expertise so that learning is well sequenced

You will see in the report that Ofsted saw clear progress, with SEND and Behaviour no longer marked as areas to improve.

However, while our curriculum does have a clear strategy, Ofsted have identified further areas which we need to develop within the curriculum. We are absolutely committed to achieving that, and confident that we can. We are soon to join our new Multi Academy Trust - the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership - who will offer us invaluable experience and support as we strive to develop and improve all areas of Oakfield, including leadership and the curriculum.

Again, I'm sorry to bring news of a disappointing result from what can certainly be a challenging inspection process, but the whole staff really is committed to making the improvements needed and to working incredibly hard to achieve a Good grade at the next inspection, in about 12-18 months' time.

Thank you, as always, for your support for this wonderful school. If you have any concerns or questions about any of this, then please do let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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