

Walmsley CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, Walmsley CE Primary was inspected by Ofsted just before February half term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who completed the Parent View questionnaire and the many parents who have expressed support for all we are doing at the school to further improve.

The inspector's judgments align with our self-evaluation that Walmsley CE Primary currently falls into the 'Requires Improvement' category. The Ofsted judgement, (which was made on a different and far more rigorous framework to the last inspection 16 years ago) reflects our internal evaluation and the journey of improvement that we have been on to date. Ofsted will visit again within the next two years and we look forward to demonstrating further progress then. A copy of our Ofsted report can be found via the link - [Report 2024](#).

Myself, my team and the governors have identified the key areas of development for the school and have worked swiftly to address these in order to get Walmsley Primary to 'good' and beyond. The key improvements to date are recognised through the report and were highlighted during the visit by the team.

Whilst we recognise there is still work to be done in our transformation of Walmsley Primary, I would like to outline some of the key developments and improvements over the last 12 months:

- A new curriculum has been implemented to develop the skills and knowledge of all children in all subjects.
- A strong relationship has been developed with the Local Authority to drive school improvement at pace.
- External professionals have worked with the school and validated the strengths now evident in safeguarding, maths, writing and phonics.
- New policies have been implemented for behaviour and attendance to develop consistently high expectations throughout school.
- A new assessment model has been developed to accurately reflect the curriculum being delivered.

As a school, with the support of the Governors, we will endeavour to improve in those areas identified for further improvement. I know that we will have your support in the work we will be doing together to make Walmsley CE Primary School exceptional for all our pupils.

I would once again like to thank all our parents for their continued support for all that we do here at school. I would also like to thank all our children for their amazing hard work throughout this year and for being a pleasure to work with.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff here at school, who have worked so tirelessly over this last year to improve the outcomes for all our children.

If anyone would like to speak to me in person about the contents of the report you are welcome to contact me directly either by email – athertonj@walmsley.bolton.sch.uk or phone 01204 332650.

Kind regards

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