



PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Park Junior School Ofsted Inspection 15th-16th October 2019

You will be aware that the school had a two day Ofsted inspection just before half-term. The report of this inspection has now been published and a copy is attached to this letter.

A focus of the inspection is 'what it is like to be a child in this school'. In this area the inspectors noted that **the school is calm and a productive place to learn, pupils conduct themselves well, feel safe and show respect to each other**. They note children **enjoy school, they value the additional clubs and activities offered** and that **bullying is rare**.

The report also mentions positive aspects such as:

- 'the school helps pupils understand about values'
- 'staff use high quality books. These books inspire pupils to read.'
- 'the words pupils learn in their reading help them to make their writing interesting'
- 'pupils take care to write neatly'
- 'marked improvements in how pupils calculate and remember their times tables and number facts'
- 'pupils with social and emotional needs develop positive attitudes'
- 'attendance has improved'

The report also highlights areas where further improvements can be made and it was good to get confirmation that we are already heading in the right direction.

The school, through its own analysis, and acknowledging we were only six weeks into a new Ofsted framework, had already embarked on actions in the areas including a deeper sequencing of the curriculum, phonics training for staff, increasing effective assessment and developing children's perseverance to learning.

Along with staff in many schools nationally we are excited about making positive changes to our curriculum to provide the pupils with rich learning experiences that will stay with them for a lifetime.

As the school responds to the recommendations in the inspection report we look forward to working with you as Park Junior School continues to improve.

If you wish to discuss the report please come to the office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Gasser
Headteacher

Keely Folker
Chair of Governors