

9th September 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Ofsted Inspection Report; 13 and 14 July 2022

I have pleasure in attaching the Ofsted report from our recent inspection, which confirms that our school continues to be a good school. The report has just been released and will be published on our school website as well as the Ofsted inspection website. We believe the report to be a fair reflection of our school. It is positive and praiseworthy about all aspects of school life, including:

- Pupil happiness and safety
- Behaviour and attitudes to learning
- Staff support and professional development
- SEND support
- Curriculum design and implementation
- Reading and Mathematics
- Pupil's wider personal development
- Leadership
- Early Years Foundation Stage
- Governance
- Safeguarding

These findings are no surprise to us and agree with our own school self-evaluations.

There are two areas for improvement identified in the report:

1. We will continue to work hard to support our children in KS2 who are struggling with their reading and continue to invest in books that are phonetically plausible yet age appropriate.
2. We are working on the small minority of subjects that need more detailed assessment to ensure prior learning is built upon.

I want to say a huge well done to our children. I am extremely proud but - not surprised - that our school was *described as being like a family, welcoming and friendly... and that pupil's behaviour is exemplary in lessons at breaktime and at lunchtime.*

I also want to say thank you to yourselves, our governors and the whole staffing team. It is through combined efforts, dedication and hard-work, each and every day, that Kirkby Stephen Primary is the great school it is.

Kind regards

Mrs Alison Capstick

