

Kirkby Stephen Primary School

Kirkby Stephen Cumbria, CA17 4AE

Headteacher: Mrs Alison Capstick

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:

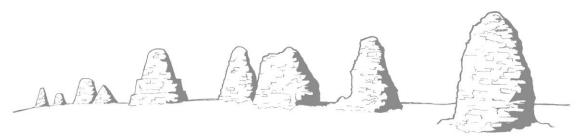
- 1. We will continue to work hard to support our children in KS2 who are struggling with their reading and continue to invest in books that are phonetically plausible yet age appropriate.
- 2. We are working on the small minority of subjects that need more detailed assessment to ensure prior learning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

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