

18th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have received the report from our Ofsted inspection that was undertaken on 11th July 2017.

The monitoring inspection was conducted under section 8 of the Education Act 2005 and in accordance with the no formal designation procedures. The focus was safeguarding.

I am pleased to inform you that the Inspectors felt that, "Leaders and Managers are taking appropriate action to ensure that safeguarding is effective" and that "conduct was mostly calm and orderly".

The full report will be available on the Ofsted website from Friday 22nd September and can also be found in the Ofsted section of our website.

The report goes into detail to say how we are ensuring that safeguarding is effective and goes on to make some recommendations. Since the inspection we have acted on the recommendations and have implemented the following:

- i) A staff behaviour team lead by Assistant Headteacher, Miss Mitchell, has developed a programme to improve consistency of practice across the school and to celebrate achievement. This programme is already showing signs of improved behaviour and an increase in the achievement points gained by students.
- ii) The House Leaders lead by Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Whiting, are tracking and supporting attendance with interventions in place. A new programme called Up for the Challenge is being rolled out by Mr Scarisbrick to ensure tutors can support those students who are falling short of the expected levels of attendance.
- iii) We are improving our communications systems at all levels with Miss Mitchell leading on School Culture, involving students, parents and staff in student voice and feedback. We aim to develop a community board with our local partners to see how our students can help in the community.
- iv) Our safeguarding systems have been audited by the Local Authority and we are compliant in all areas.

Full and detailed monitoring reports on all the above will be presented at our half termly Governor meetings.

If you feel you wish to know more about how we work or would like to raise any issues we have weekly drop-ins on Thursday mornings, 8.40am to 9.40am and a half termly Parent Voice meeting with the first one scheduled for 28th September from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Yours sincerely,



K Johns
Headteacher