



Ward Green Lane

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Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to tell you that we have recently been inspected by Ofsted. The report is available via the school and Ofsted websites. The Ofsted report contained a number of areas of improvement but also said some very positive comments about the school and acknowledged the rapid improvements in the few weeks I have been Head Teacher.

Key positive headlines from the report:

- Safeguarding is effective and meets statutory requirements.
- Leaders have set a clear vision for the school, it is now on a course of rapid improvement.
- Leadership and management of behaviour is a key strength. Behaviour of pupils is good. Where issues of behaviour arise staff know exactly how best to approach the situation.
- The relationship between staff and pupils is excellent. Children are enthusiastic and want to succeed in school.
- Teachers and support staff have well developed strategies to support young people with autism.
- Improvement plans are already making a difference to the quality of education.
- Robust systems to monitor quality of teaching learning and assessment have been introduced.

These are the main areas for improvement:

- Strengthen governance, some steps have already been taken to improve this and this was recognised by Ofsted.
- Develop the curriculum further to ensure that it is aspirational and relevant to the young people.
- Improve assessment and monitoring systems to improve pupil's outcomes.



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- Develop opportunities for students in the sixth form to develop employability skills through work-related learning.
- Develop the range of qualifications on offer.

The overall outcome was Requires Improvement. We will receive a monitoring visit within 12 months and then a full re-inspection in approximately two years. I will write to you with results of the monitoring visit.

If you would like any further information or discussion please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Haddock

Head Teacher



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