

CHARLTON HOUSE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

Following our recent inspection, Ofsted have now produced its final report with their findings. This will have been shared with you all and is now publically available on our website.

Whilst we are disappointed with the overall effectiveness judgement that we remain 'Inadequate', we feel the report does identify some strong progress in many areas of the school. We are particularly delighted to read that the inspection team judged both the children's Behaviour and Attitudes and their Personal Development as Good. This shows considerable progress from the previous inspection.

We are thrilled that the inspection team were able to appreciate the unique character of Charlton House and saw first-hand how 'Proud the pupils are of their school.', and how well behaved the children are. We are also delighted that the inspection team were able to confirm that there is no bullying at the school.

The judgement in relation to the Quality of Education remains at 'Requires Improvement'. Whilst this may seem that there has been limited progress since the previous report, it should be noted that the report indicates that the school is in its infancy and that curriculum planning in some areas is further ahead than others. This was well known amongst the school's newly appointed Proprietorial Body, leadership team and members of the teaching staff. The report states that: 'Current staff are working hard to construct a curriculum that builds pupils' knowledge, skills and understanding in an organised way throughout their time at the school'. This focus on curriculum development is well under way and will continue throughout the academic year.

Staff have already undertaken comprehensive training in the newly acquired Phonics scheme and resources so that all members of the teaching staff have a detailed understanding of the schools chosen systematic approach to the teaching of reading.

The set of unique challenges inherited by the newly appointed Proprietorial Body and Leadership team have required swift and decisive action. Ensuring your children are safe is our primary concern. We are confident that all aspects in relation to Safeguarding noted in the report have already been actioned and addressed. This includes a complete overhaul of centralised record keeping and the immediate provision of bespoke training for members of the Proprietorial Body. All elements of Health and Safety indicated in the report have also been addressed and completed.

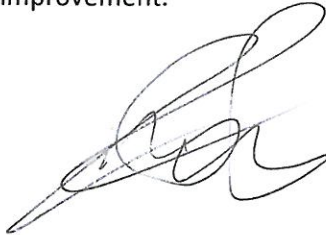
We are proud of the progress the school has made considering the recent significant changes to the staffing and leadership teams and following the unprecedented effect of a global pandemic.

We would like to thank you sincerely for your continued support and we look forward to working with you on our continuing journey of school improvement.

Yours sincerely



Mr Steven Hulbert
Chair of Governors



Mr Matthew Robinson
Head Teacher