

Beechwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share some fantastic news with our Beechwood community.

Over the last few years, Beechwood Primary School has undergone significant change and development. Throughout this journey, our staff, pupils, governors, trust colleagues, and families have worked tirelessly together to create a school where every child can thrive. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire community for the hard work, dedication and unwavering support that has driven this rapid improvement.

Today, we are incredibly proud to announce that Ofsted has assessed Beechwood Primary School as achieving the Expected Standard in all areas under its new inspection framework. We have attached the report and covering letter for you to read in full.

It is important to understand that under Ofsted's new report card system, schools are no longer judged using the previous single-word grades such as Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement and Inadequate. Instead, schools are assessed against a set of standards. The Expected Standard indicates that a school is successfully delivering the quality of education, care and provision that Ofsted expects. As outlined within the inspection report, schools achieving the Expected Standard are meeting the standards set out in legislation and professional expectations.

In practical terms, achieving the Expected Standard across all areas aligns with what would previously have been recognised as a Good judgement under the former inspection framework.

We are particularly proud that the report recognises the caring, inclusive and ambitious culture that has been at the heart of our improvement journey. The inspectors noted that:

"Pupils are greeted warmly each day as they enter this happy, nurturing and inclusive school."

"Pupils are proud to attend this welcoming school."

"Leaders are committed and ambitious. They prioritise supporting pupils to achieve."

"Leaders have carefully designed a challenging and aspirational curriculum. The curriculum is broad and ambitious."

"Parents and carers are very positive about their experiences of the school."

"Staff feel valued and supported."

The report also highlights the school's strong commitment to inclusion, recognising that:

"The school's approach to supporting disadvantaged pupils or those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is effective."

"And acknowledges the culture we have worked so hard to create:

"Pupils understand and speak passionately about the school's values."

While we are proud of this achievement, we remain determined to continue improving. The report identifies next steps in strengthening writing outcomes, further improving attendance and ensuring any gaps in learning are identified and addressed as quickly as possible. We fully embrace these priorities as we continue our journey towards excellence.

This outcome is a reflection of the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm and resilience of our pupils, the support of our governors and trust, and the partnership we enjoy with our families. Together, we have transformed Beechwood into a school that our whole community can be proud of.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of the Beechwood story. We look forward to building on this success together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Reece and Mrs R Minter

Co-Headteachers

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As Chief Executive Officer of Frays Academy Trust, I would like to add my congratulations to the whole Beechwood community on this very positive outcome. I know just how much determination, hard work and collective commitment has gone into securing the improvements recognised by Ofsted.

This outcome represents an important milestone for Beechwood Primary School but it is not the end of its improvement journey. The Trust will continue to work alongside the school, providing support and challenge as we build on these strong foundations and pursue even the best for every child.

Chris Cole

Chief Executive Officer

Frays Academy Trust

