



INSPIRE NURTURE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Working **together** to be the **best** that we can be.

Happiness

Perserverance

Resilience

Kindness

Friendship

Respect

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that the report from our Ofsted Inspection on 19th July 2022 is now available.

Since the previous Ofsted grade of *Good* in June 2017, there have been significant changes to the Education Inspection Framework meaning that standards to achieve the Good Criteria are now higher than ever. Governors will agree that there was significant work to be done when I took up my post as Headteacher.

Since then, the staff team have been nurtured and guided, working relentlessly to design and implement an entirely new curriculum to meet the Ofsted criteria to ensure a high standard of education for the children.

A key priority since 2019 has been to review and develop safeguarding measures and Ofsted recognised this a strength of the school. The federation vision and values were also re-launched, led by School Council; a stronger federation team has been built and another improvement priority was to develop Subject Leader roles across the federation. What is more impressive is that all of this occurred between September 2019 and July 2022 – during a global pandemic which brought about unprecedented times in education.

We are delighted to confirm that the school's overall grade was GOOD against the new framework.

Although this is a Goldsborough CE Church of England Inspection Report, it reflects positively upon teachers and leaders across the whole federation who work closely together as they share the planning for lessons equally across both sites. Senior Leaders, Subject Leaders and the SENCo all lead across the federation too with the same guiding principles.

'Leaders have high expectations for pupils. They have worked across the federation to develop a well-sequenced curriculum. Each subject is carefully considered to prepare pupils well for Year 7 and beyond.'

Our family ethos has not been lost to the high expectations now in place: *'...School is a welcoming community. Pupils are extremely proud of their school. They appreciate all that the school provides for them. One pupil, summing up the views of many, said: 'Our school is an all-*

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round safe place. It is like my second home.’ Parents and carers echo this positive view of the school community.’

The high expectations that pupils have for themselves and each other underpin the inclusive, respectful environment across the federation where everyone is valued and nurtured ‘*Pupils are taught how to care for their mental health. Leaders support this through a commitment to the school values of happiness, perseverance, resilience, kindness, friendship and respect.*’

I am delighted that the hard work undertaken by pupils, staff, governors and parents past and present who have been on this journey with us since September 2019 have been recognised, including the comments regarding the strength of the PSHE curriculum which contributes significantly to the personal development and well-being of all pupils.

‘PSHE and RSE are both a strength within this small school. Pupils understand the high expectations for their behaviour and conduct. They feel that these expectations are applied fairly.’

We continue to strengthen our federation team with staff members who are committed to our values and our ethos of *working together to be the best that we can be* and to our children every single day as we know that this is the only way to ensure that every moment counts for **every child** in our care.

Please take the time to read the inspection report in full as it evidences a school that is not only judged as Good by Ofsted, but one that continuously strives to improve and excel. Leaders know that absence due to individual personal reasons has had an impact on consistency of the high standards expected in some classes and Ofsted inspectors were pleased with the actions that had already occurred to remedy this and ensure consistently high standards in all classes from September 2022.

We realise how fortunate we are to have such wonderful pupils and families working alongside the staff team - thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Zoe Ellis
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