



**The Forest School**  
Every Child, Every Chance



20 April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today to inform you of the results of our recent Ofsted inspection. We were rated as 'Requires Improvement' overall, with 'Behaviour and Attitudes' and 'Personal Development' both rated as Good. We understand that this rating may cause some worry. I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are committed to addressing the issues identified in the report and to provide the best possible education for your children.

While we were disappointed with the rating, we were also heartened by the positive feedback we received in the report. Ofsted recognised that our school has a 'caring, nurturing and welcoming environment', 'there is a positive and optimistic culture' and that 'there is mutual respect between pupils and staff in and out of lessons.' We are proud of the relationships we have built with our students, and we remain committed to providing a nurturing environment where they can thrive.

The report also highlighted areas where we need to improve, particularly around curriculum implementation, teaching, and learning. We have already started to address these issues and the inspectors recognised that we are well on the way to improving in these areas. They identified that we have recently developed the curriculum and are currently implementing lots of new initiatives but acknowledged that these need time to be embedded.

As you are all aware, the school has gone through several changes to leadership over the last few years. We now have the stability in leadership to rapidly improve and we are working hard to implement the changes that are needed to improve standards across the school. We have put in place a comprehensive action plan that addresses the recommendations made by Ofsted, and we are confident that we can make the necessary improvements quickly. This report is an accurate reflection of a snapshot in time when the school has faced some previous challenges, but it is not an indication of our direction of travel. I am confident that the next time we are visited by Ofsted, we will be rated Good or better.

We know that you entrust your children to us every day, and we take that responsibility very seriously. We want to assure you that we are fully committed to providing the best possible education for your children, and we will continue to work tirelessly to make improvements and to ensure that we meet the high standards that you expect.

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Thank you for your support during this time, and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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