



New End Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today you are receiving a copy of the OFSTED letter based on our recent short inspection. OFSTED use short inspections for inspecting maintained schools and academies that were previously judged to be good. They last for one day and begin with the assumption that the school remains good. The inspector cannot change the grading of a school under this type of inspection. These inspections ceased as of 31st December 2017 so New End was one of the last schools to be inspected under this format.

The OFSTED proved to be a positive experience for the school. Many strengths of the school are highlighted in the report including:

- Strengths in teaching, leadership, behaviour, and relationships with the community and parents remain strong.
- The culture of the school is very positive and underpinned by strong, shared values.
- Relationships are warm and respectful.
- Middle leaders now play a more active role in supporting teaching and learning across the school. All leaders have a clear understanding of the school's strengths and future areas for development.
- Governors are committed, ambitious and determined to see the school do even better. They have a good understanding of the strengths of the school and the areas to improve, providing a good blend of challenge and support.
- Children, parents and staff hold the school in high regard.
- Safeguarding remains effective and children feel cared for and supported.

In her verbal feedback at the end of the inspection, Michelle Thomas was very complimentary about what she had seen around the school during her learning walks. She felt the school was highly inclusive and welcoming. Michelle enjoyed talking to the children and was impressed with the relationships between children and staff throughout the day.

The role parents and governors play in supporting the school was noted. In fact Michelle was so impressed by the number of lovely text messages that were sent in by New End parents – she commented that they were some of the loveliest comments she had seen as an inspector. Unfortunately OFSTED limit the number of comments in their report and the inspector cannot directly share these with the school – but if you sent one in and can remember it, we would love

to see them. We would also like some of these comments to add to the new prospectus and website we are currently in the process of developing.

At the end of the inspection, the next steps for the school were identified as ensuring that:

- the school's website complies with statutory requirements by including a strategy for the school's use of the pupil premium. This was completed before the end of the Autumn Term.
- boys' progress continues to improve and that this focus is detailed in school improvement planning to aid governors and leaders to track the impact of their work better.
- the school continues to work on the rates of persistent absence for pupils who are eligible for free school meals so that they are in line with national figures.

We hope you enjoy reading the report and sharing in the school's success. There will be an opportunity to discuss the report at the next Coffee with Karyn at 9.15am on Wednesday, 24th January.

Everyone at New End looks forward to continuing to work with you and your children in making New End Primary School an even better place to be.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Linda Davies in black ink.

Linda Davies
Chair of Governors

Handwritten signature of Karyn Ray in purple ink.