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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in a position to share the outcome of our Ofsted report following a full 2-day inspection on January 17 and 18 2023. Overall the inspection was very positive recognising the many strengths of the school.

However, during the inspection the Lead Inspector found a 'minor weakness' in recording of safeguarding information which was easily put right. If a 'minor weakness' in safeguarding is identified, then this aspect of our work will be judged 'Requires Improvement' and under the current Ofsted Framework this automatically means 'Leadership and Management' and therefore 'Overall Effectiveness' is judged 'Requires Improvement'.

Although difficult, and resulting in an overall Requires Improvement judgement, the conversations we had with the Lead Inspector have made us further consider, alongside other schools, the level of detail recorded for safeguarding information.

The Inspectors found the school has a strong culture of safeguarding and safeguarding is effective. Children are safe in our school and children know how to keep safe. All staff have been trained effectively and training is up to date, they know what to do if they have a safeguarding concern regarding a child or adult.

This judgement is well supported by parent view with 94% of parents stating 'their child feels safe in school.' Children from across the school talked well about how to keep safe. The children were highly praised on their deep understanding of the protected characteristics, what to do if they were bullied or they witnessed others being bullied. This judgement was well supported by parent view with 88% of parents either stating 'their child has not been bullied or the school dealt with bullying quickly and effectively'.

Governors, with representatives from the local authority, the Diocese and the school leadership team were very disappointed with the minor weakness judgment, but were delighted with the positive feedback the Lead Inspector reported to them at the end of the second day. The feedback acknowledged the many strengths of the school in all key areas which were a strong good and with more time have the potential to be outstanding.



We hope you take time to read the full report which highlights the many positive aspects of the Inspection. As a school team we are delighted our hard work has been recognised.

Thank you for your continued support

Patricia Ruff

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