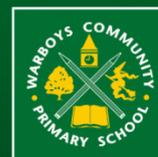


Warboys Community Primary School

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Dear Parents /Carers,

On the 24th and 25th November 2015, the school had an inspection under another new and stricter Ofsted framework where the bar and expectations have been raised even higher. Today I have released the Ofsted report and this is available on the Warboys School website and will become public on the Ofsted website on Thursday 17th December. The Ofsted report is lengthy and highlights both the school's strengths and areas for improvement.

We are delighted that the inspection recognised the strong grounding to learning that has been established in the Foundation Stage and in Key Stage 1. We have a clear vision to continue embedding this structure throughout the school and inspectors also recognised this. The inspectors said there is evidence that the school is improving and leadership is not complacent driving forward these improvements, but our plans need to be made more explicit so all parents can fully support their children's learning.

Strengths acknowledged included:

- Despite low start points by the end of Year 2 children achieve as well as those nationally in reading And mathematics.
- Leaders have a clear vision to move the school forward.
- Carefully planned support is provided to those pupils who need to catch up.
- Children enjoy being at school and cooperate well with each other.
- Foundation Stage continues to improve and is a strength of the school.

Other positive areas noted in the report include:

- Safeguarding arrangements are effective and children feel safe.
- Governors provide stronger support and challenge.
- Gaps between disadvantaged pupils and others, has narrowed particularly in Key Stage 1.

Key areas for improvement were:

- Improve outcome in Key Stage 2 by increasing the proportion of children making more than expected progress
- To address children's attitudes to learning so they take more responsibility for their own learning and concentrate for longer periods.
- Stretch and challenge more able pupils by developing deeper thinking.
- Develop writing further throughout the whole curriculum.

It was recognised that many of our children enter school below average and progress across the school has improved since the last Ofsted report. Regrettably, outcomes for our Year 6 last year were disappointing, not in line with national expectations and therefore outcomes were judged 'Requires Improvement'. We are proud to be an inclusive school and understand this occasionally brings challenges and consequences that have a disproportionate influence on the measured outcomes of the whole year group.

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Although the overall judgement of 'Requires Improvement' does not place the school in a category of Serious Weaknesses or into special measures, it is nonetheless very disappointing for all concerned after such an intense period of improvement working with the Local Authority. The overall picture however is more positive under the new Ofsted framework and inspectors could see the progress that has been made on our journey to 'Good'.

We were surprised and disappointed by the comments about attendance in the report. Using weekly and individual attendance awards, many of you know the school works very hard to encourage good attendance and punctuality throughout the school. It was unfortunate that last year our overall attendance figures fell just below the national average. Attendance is a key element of the 'behaviour and welfare' aspect of the inspection so it is important every child and every family shares the responsibility and works together with the school to ensure attendance does not become a limiting factor in the future.

The school leaders are consistently monitoring, challenging and supporting teachers in class. It was disappointing that the Ofsted opinion differed from this. As we progress along our journey to deliver the best education and school experiences for our children, challenges to teaching has sometimes led to difficult decisions resulting in staff changes and inspectors recognised this in the report .

There are many positive aspects to this report that demonstrate the school is improving and we all stand firm in our drive for success. I am proud of our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to support all of our children to achieve the best they can. Areas for development identified in the report are already embedded into our school development plan. We have a stronger leadership team in place and the whole staff are focused and determined to ensure improvements impact on the results we are measured by. We continue to strengthen links with parents through parent surveys, parent and child consultations, informal coffee mornings and the parent forum to which all parents are invited.

Governors and I will speak further about the report and the next steps for the school at the planned Curriculum Evening on Tuesday 19th January. Further details of this evening will be sent out after the Christmas break but in the meantime if you wish to pass any comment on the report please use the slip attached to this letter. Parents can find a copy of the Ofsted report by following the link below to our school website or by obtaining a hard copy from the School Office.

Yours sincerely

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Ofsted Report Link: -

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