



,Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to share with you the school's Ofsted report, following the inspection on the 12th and 13th of November.

When last inspected in March 2020, we were judged as 'Good'. However, you may be aware that as from September 2024, Ofsted no longer makes an overall effectiveness judgement in inspections of state-funded schools. Ofsted is currently in a transition period, moving towards a new Ofsted Framework and the introduction of 'report cards' in September 2025. Under the current arrangements, Ofsted Inspectors grade and report on four key areas (quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management), plus early years provision and in addition, simply judge safeguarding as either effective or ineffective.

We are pleased that during their visit last month, Ofsted Inspectors identified the positive aspects of the school such as recognising that "pupils have a positive attitude to their learning" and acknowledging the role of our staff who "praise them for persevering in their learning, and for trying new experiences". They identified many strengths in our Early Years provision and praised 'behaviour and attitudes' and the quality of 'personal development' across the school.

The Inspectors also noted that "in the playground and in classrooms, pupils interact well with one another. They feel confident in asking staff to help them with any worries or concerns that they have. Lessons are calm and focused." And, recognising the importance of the efforts we make to be consistent, they commented that "Staff are consistent in how they expect pupils to behave. This helps pupils to make the most of their time for learning."

Our early reading curriculum and teaching was identified as a strength of the school, with Inspectors commenting that "Staff are precise in ensuring that pupils have understood each letter or sound before they move on. If pupils need additional practice, staff listen to them read regularly. Over time, weaker readers become more confident and fluent."

We are pleased that the Inspectors observed that children make a "strong start" to their schooling in the early years and "settle into school routines quickly". However, they also identified that some "older pupils do not learn as well as they should" and that this is because in some subjects the new curriculum, introduced by the school just last year, is not yet taught well enough. This is an area of improvement that the Trust and I identified when I joined the school in September. We will ensure that the excellent practice praised by inspectors in the Early Years is modelled throughout the school going forward. The school improvement plan for this academic year prioritises how we will ensure that the curriculum is implemented effectively at each phase with additional staff training already planned. We will also be undertaking a thorough review of the new curriculum, identifying any gaps in learning that may have occurred because of the transition from the previous curriculum. Any gaps identified will be addressed so that children develop their understanding securely throughout the school.

The Inspectors observed some gaps in pupils' knowledge were not being picked up quickly enough. We will be working hard to more effectively monitor the quality of teaching and professional development for teachers will ensure that there is consistency in checking pupils' learning. Teachers and middle leaders will have extensive training on subject leadership from Tandridge Learning Trust's Director of Education, Laleh Laverick, who will undertake this work early in the Spring Term. This will help ensure that all curriculum areas are taught with precision, with particular focus on any subject areas that need greater improvement.

In Safeguarding, Bletchingley was judged as being effective and the Inspectors noted that "pupils know how to stay safe, especially online".

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I would like to assure you that we are determined to swiftly make any necessary improvements highlighted in the Ofsted report, whilst continuing to build on the school's strengths. The Inspectors observed that, "Under new leadership, the school is raising expectations of pupils' learning. The school is ambitious for every pupil to achieve their best. This includes the substantial cohort of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)."

We will continue to be ambitious for every pupil to achieve their best. Your child's education and wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do, and we will work hard to ensure that they are provided with the best possible experience throughout their time at Bletchingley Village Primary School & Nursery.

Please do take time to read the Ofsted report, which is attached, and will be published on the Ofsted website in the next few days.

If you would like to discuss the report further or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly. I am happy to meet with any parents or carers to discuss how we are moving forward, and to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued trust in the school, and I look forward to working together as we strive to improve our standards and deliver the education that we know your children deserve.

Yours sincerely,



Denise Coady
Headteacher