



30th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, on the 2nd and 3rd of April the Kingfisher School received a monitoring visit from Ofsted, the third since the school became subject to Special Measures in May 2017. I have now received the Inspector's written report which confirms that the school's leaders and managers are taking effective action towards the removal of special measures.

The enthusiasm and hard work of the entire school community including staff, pupils, parents and carers, has resulted in many improvements across the school. The Inspector saw evidence of this in the progress being made by our pupils.

However, we are only part-way through our journey to make the Kingfisher School outstanding, and so we continue to focus closely on the areas that need to improve further, in particular our Early Years provision.

Since the previous monitoring visit, the Inspector noted that the quality of teaching, learning and assessment has improved, with a positive impact on pupils' progress in a number of areas, including writing and mathematics.

The Inspector visited every class and looked through pupils' books, where he saw an increasing sense of pride in students' work, both in the quality of presentation and improvements in handwriting.

He also commended the pupils on their good behaviour in lessons and around the school. The actions that we have taken to reduce pupil absence over the course of the academic year have been very successful, with figures now below the national average.

I am also pleased that the Inspector could see the positive impact of the collaborative work we have been doing with Venturers Trust around school improvement. He noted that we are successfully sustaining these improvements, particularly in the provision for pupils with SEND.

I attach the Inspector's report, which can also be found on our website. If you would like to speak with me about the report or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment, or come and see me in the playground either before or after school.

Overall, the report identifies that the school is improving and that this is having a direct impact on the progress that our pupils are making. The momentum that we have built over the past two years continues to grow and strengthen, as we continue our journey to provide the very best education for our children.

Sincerely,

Kirsteen Craig
Principal