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Ofsted Report

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware we had an Ofsted Inspection on the 26th and 27th of March. There is quite a lengthy process to go through before a report comes out, but we received our final report yesterday – please find a copy attached and read it in conjunction with this letter. The headline is that Ghyllside has retained it's good Ofsted judgement, but that they will be back in two years' time to look at improvements we need to make.

We are very pleased with most of the findings of the report – as you will see it highlights many strengths in areas that we at Ghyllside feel are very important:

- Pupils get on very well together and flourish
- Children want to come to school / Y6 are sad to leave
- The care the children get from staff and each other
- Our extra curriculum offer – clubs / music / trips / residential
- The personal development opportunities (linked to the above point)
- The help we give our pupils with additional needs
- The rarity of bullying in the eyes of the children
- Our speed in identifying additional needs
- The way we very successfully teach reading and develop a love of reading in our pupils
- Our National (SATs) Maths and English results
- We secure good attendance
- We keep our children safe (Safeguarding)
- We manage workforce workload well

Thank you very much to all of you who filled in the parent feedback questionnaire; I did not see the exact results but was told by the inspector that they were overwhelmingly positive.

You will see from the report that the Ofsted team thought we implemented a broad curriculum but could do more to plan and assess some of the subjects we teach. I have no issue with the content of our curriculum and particularly how hard our staff work to make it accessible and engaging for the children. I know the curriculum is effective because we regularly hear from secondary colleagues that they like getting children from Ghyllside as they are well rounded and their subject knowledge is good. However, there are definitely things we can learn from the inspection, particularly about breaking down knowledge progression into smaller chunks and assessing against these more accurately. We will work hard to put these into place for the next time we are inspected, which we expect to be in approximately 2 years' time.

I am aware that the Ofsted report contains a lot of information and is a little 'edu-speak' so if anybody wants any clarification, or has any questions about the findings, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Huw Davies

Our Mission: Ghyllside Primary School – Growing Hearts and Minds

Our Values: Inspiring Healthy Inclusive Nurturing Experiences