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OFSTED INSPECTION – 30th-31st January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on 30th and 31st January 2019. The full report can be downloaded on the OFSTED and school website and/or a paper copy can be collected from the school office.

The grades that can be awarded are Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3) or Inadequate (4). In recent years the term 'Requires Improvement' has replaced the previous grading of 'Satisfactory' in the new OFSTED inspections.

Previously the school was judged as 'Requires Improvement' (3) in October 2017. In this recent inspection, the school was judged overall to be within the category of 'Requires Improvement' (3) again.

Inspectors have acknowledged that 'Leaders have successfully addressed some of the points for improvement following the last inspection.'

The inspectors did find positive strengths within the school and were satisfied that there is strong teaching in all parts of the school and that the provision particularly for children in EYFS and our SEND pupils, is good.

OFSTED said the staff and I, are totally committed to ensuring pupils achieve higher standards' despite an unsettled period of staff and Governance changes which has impacted on the consistency and progress made.

OFSTED also praised the work the school is doing to protect pupils and keep them safe and that the school's work to promote pupil's 'personal development and welfare is 'good.'

Inspectors identified that the majority of our pupils conduct themselves well and recognised that children are polite, have good manners, show respect for others and are helpful and courteous. Although a small minority of you have expressed concerns, school was seen as 'calm and ordered' and that staff managed any issues 'swiftly' and 'well'.

The report also recognises that the new governors bring a 'sharper focus and commitment in addressing weaknesses' now and 'have a good understanding of their role and responsibility in holding the school to account.'



Obviously, inspectors also highlighted a number of key areas which require improvement.

These include:

- Improving the overall quality of teaching across school – raising expectations.
- Pupils across school need to make better progress in the core areas of reading, writing and maths to achieve standards.
- Sharper monitoring and evaluation from all leaders to make accurate judgements about impact.
- Reading across school needs to be taught consistently with a more coherent whole-school approach, better matched books and a focus on development of vocabulary.
- Maths across school is to be well pitched to ensure higher standards of attainment.

Parents can also support school further by:

- Improving Attendance and punctuality to provide pupils with the full learning potential.
- Encouraging good behaviour and supporting the school expectations for this too.

It is obviously disappointing for all members of staff that the outcome of the inspection has found that the school requires improvement again and will undoubtedly be disappointing for you as parents also. However, it must be said that all staff in school are committed to providing the best education for the children of West Melton Primary School. To a certain extent the outcome of the inspection was not a surprise given the poor attendance, staffing changes, low results and a recent decline of further support received from Wickersley Trust.

With the publication of the report, now is the time to look forward and continue to address the issues that you as parents are most concerned about – that is ensuring that the children of West Melton Primary School receive the high quality education that they deserve in a safe environment where all children are supported to reach their potential. We hope that you as parents will continue to support us with this aim.

To give parents more opportunity to discuss concerns you may have regarding the OFSTED report - especially the few who have expressed that they have lost confidence in the school, we would like to invite you to an open parents' meeting at school on Tuesday 19th March 2019. There will be two meetings for you to attend, either at 9.10am or at 3.10pm. The school

We look forward to having the opportunity to talk further with you at that time.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors