

Dear Parents,

Please find enclosed our latest Ofsted report following the inspection on the 10th and 11th October 2023. We are pleased to share with you that the school is now performing as 'good' in four of the five key areas, with the inspector stating that our school is improving strongly after challenging times.

Although the overall classification remains as 'requires improvement', it is clear that the significant changes made across the school since joining the Acorn Academy Trust in 2021 has meant that our school now meets the Ofsted inspection criteria in:

- Behaviour and Attitudes
- Personal Development
- Leadership and Management
- Early Years Provision

Inspectors noted that many subject areas are designed well with our Reading curriculum being recognised as a particular strength for the school. We are continuing to improve the curriculum in the small number of areas highlighted by the inspectors. Our Art curriculum has taken priority and we are excited to deliver this refined curriculum next half term. In History, the inspectors spoke to a group of older children, some of which are new to our school within the last 12-24 months, about historical knowledge from when they were in younger year groups. Children struggled to recall some of this information and we are therefore refining the way that we teach new information so that prior learning and recall opportunities are built in throughout each half term.

Overall, we are pleased that the changes made since the last report have created a firm platform to build on for long lasting and demonstrable improvements. Inspectors recognised the stability and rigour that has provided a firm platform for speedy and necessary change. As we continue to see our school grow and children benefiting from remaining in the school from a young age, I look forward to welcoming inspectors back in the future to show them the impact of what we have in place.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support of the school whilst we continue to make positive changes that move the school further forwards and provide the best outcomes for our children.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Jessica Evans
Head of School