Leigh Primary School

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Ofsted Rating and Report **13.03.24**

GOOD with OUTSTANDING leadership and management

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that we can now inform you of the results of our recent Ofsted Inspection which took place on the 7th and 8th February.

The inspectors concluded that Leigh Primary School is **GOOD** in all areas (Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, and Early Years Provision) and **OUTSTANDING** in leadership and management due to the rate of improvement and effectiveness of strategic school development across all leadership. This means the school has an Overall Effectiveness of **GOOD** and the school has addressed all areas of improvement since our last Ofsted Report was published, just over 2 years ago.

The Board of Governors and Local Authority consider this an excellent achievement for the School and are exceptionally proud of all Staff and Pupils for their efforts during this inspection, the time leading up to the inspection, and the ongoing performance of the School which has 'been sustained.' It is also important to note that all judgements were strong and securely good judgements with the outstanding criteria considered for personal development – an area we are very proud of as we strive to nurture the whole child.

The full report is available to view on our Website: Our School > Ofsted Report.

It is worth recognising that whilst the report is extremely positive, we are never complacent and will continually work to strive to further improve provision including the consistency in our good provision for mathematics, which is an ongoing part of our current school development plan which we shared with the inspectorate. It is always our prime focus to ensure strong teaching and learning across our subjects in the classroom; however, although we are a small school, we continue to dream big and look outwardly. We are still working towards improving the physical fabric of our school, developing our range of extra-curricular clubs outside of sports and develop our outdoor classroom. As we look back over these last 2 years it is remarkable what has been achieved in and outside of the classroom – who would have thought we would have a library, kitchen and expanded playground? Details of school development can be found here and we will update you in the Summer Term of our plans for next year.

Lastly, a few thanks are definitely required. Leigh Primary School would like to thank you for your participation; Ofsted commented on the extraordinary number of wonderful comments and the parent survey results as well as handwritten letters. As always, we would like to thank all stakeholders that contribute to the success of our school for the benefit of our children: the PTA, Community, Community groups such as the church/WI/Tennis Club, Parish Council, volunteers, local authority and generous contributions from Trusts. Of course, I must also mention our team: the Leigh Primary School staff. Whatever the role, our staff are passionate, hardworking and dedicated to our children. All school development is only possible with all staff collaborating, supporting each other, committing and contributing to a shared vision so we can move forwards as one.

Finally, our pupils are, and were incredible during Ofsted. They attended meetings with inspectors without knowing what they were going to be asked, which can be daunting, and were their honest selves. They wowed the inspectors with their maturity and respect towards each other as well as their knowledge and shared experiences. It is important to remember, that although this recognition is important and feels lovely, our school development and the efforts of all are ultimately for the children first and foremost.

Should you have any queries or concerns, we would urge you to contact the School who will then be able to direct you to the relevant person, to discuss any matters further.

Yours Sincerely,

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Acting Headteacher