



11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents,

As you know, Ofsted recently inspected our school. We have now received the report outlining the result of this inspection. This is available for you to download on our website and we encourage you to read it carefully. The format of the report is very different from previous inspections due to the introduction of a new Ofsted inspection framework two months ago, in September 2019.

The inspectors found many positives within the school and recognised that the behaviour of our children, both in lessons and around school, is good. They identified that our children care for each other, are keen to learn and are proud to come to this school. Ofsted also praised the work the school is doing to protect pupils and keep them safe and that a lot of work is done to support children's personal development and wellbeing. They concluded that behaviour and attitudes, personal development and early years provision is good.

They also commented on the fact that in English and Maths teacher subject knowledge is strong and pupils progress well in these subjects. We agree and this was reflected in our 2019 results – 81% of our children left our school working at the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.

The new Ofsted framework has raised the expectations for foundation subjects (e.g. history and geography). We were fully aware of the changes that the new framework required and have adapted the structure of how we teach our foundation subjects accordingly. Due to the timing of the inspection, we were not able to fully evidence the impact of the changes we have made. We have always taught our history and geography through topics, as this appeals to the children; the two inspectors agreed with our plans to make learning in all subjects more sequential so that pupils remember more. Ofsted acknowledged that actions have been put in place, but had not yet taken full effect because they were new.

The result of the changes to the framework means that our school “requires improvement” because of the current focus on all subjects. We will be holding a parent information session on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15pm in the school hall to answer any questions that you may have about the Ofsted assessment. We believe Corby Old Village Primary School remains a good school and we are committed to providing the best education for your children. We hope that you, as parents, will continue to support us with this aim.

Yours sincerely

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