



HIGHCLIFFE PRIMARY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Highcliffe Ofsted outcome

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

You may well be aware that Highcliffe Primary School was visited by Ofsted just before October half term to carry out an inspection of its provision.

As Highcliffe Primary School was previously judged as a 'Good' school, Ofsted carried out what it describes as an 'ungraded inspection'. This is an inspection that checks if the school remains to be good.

We are delighted to announce that the Ofsted team concluded that Highcliffe Primary School remains a 'Good' school.

Firstly, we would like to emphasise how incredibly proud we are of all of our children and staff at Highcliffe. The report, which will be published by Ofsted shortly, acknowledges that the school community is incredibly strong and that relationships between the adults and children at the schools are enormously positive and based on 'mutual respect'. Ofsted saw that children are safe and understand how to keep themselves safe; they saw that if any child is worried or concerned that there are robust systems in place for them to report this and receive support. Ofsted highlighted that children who attend Highcliffe are happy and polite, respectful and a 'credit to the school'.

Furthermore, the inspector could see that leaders' high expectations of all children was evident and that the children shared in this vision knowing that if they work hard they will do well and this will help them to achieve their 'big dreams'.

Ofsted described the curriculum as being effectively designed to meet the needs of all children, including for children with special educational needs or disabilities, and that teachers ensured that 'sticky knowledge' was clearly identified, taught well and remembered by children to build upon year after year. The school's passion for reading was evident during the inspection as was the skilful teaching of mathematics.

Lionheart schools welcome the Ofsted process as an opportunity to evaluate our practice and provision; everyone at Highcliffe was pleased to showcase the progress and hard work of all. We are also keen to continue to learn to improve and ensure that improvement plans capture key next steps. For Highcliffe, we know more work can be done to support all adults to deliver the highest quality reading intervention and we will continue to build robust curriculum plans on our journey to outstanding.

We would like to thank you for your support and for continuing to work in partnership with us. We hope that you enjoy reading the report and can share in our pride and delight.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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