



AYLESTONE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the recent Ofsted inspection on the 18th and 19th July, we have now received the final report which can be viewed on our website. If you require a paper copy of the report then please get in contact with the school office. I recommend you read the report in its entirety.

I'm delighted to inform you that Withington continues to be rated 'GOOD' in all areas and the inspector was very complimentary about the school. This is fantastic news for the school's whole community. This rating is fully deserved and a true reflection of the hard work that has been done over several years.

The Ofsted inspectors were impressed with many aspects of the school and found that the **'pupils come into school each day full of curiosity and excitement about what they are going to learn'**. They added that the pupils **'enjoy thinking hard in lessons'** and that the **school's leaders 'know all pupils and their families well'**, with the staff describing the primary school as a **'family'**.

In addition, inspectors noted that **'the pupils' learning is enriched by well-chosen trips and visits'**, and that because it is ensured that all pupils can go on two residential trips while at the school, they **'develop independence and resilience'** as well as enjoying new experiences.

Academically, the school was praised for putting a **'well-considered curriculum in place'** and for having thought carefully about what pupils **'should know and when they should learn it'**.

In lessons, pupils were found to be **'engaged and eager to learn'** and it was noted that, throughout the school, teachers make sure pupils know how to manage their own behaviour.

Special mention was given to the way pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) were given the extra help needed. Importantly, the children with speech and learning difficulties have lots of opportunities to speak and play with other children in ways **'that help them to develop their language skills'**.

The report also highlights some minor areas for improvement which are already being addressed, such as ensuring the curriculum in less established subjects continues to build securely and developing the phonics scheme still further.

We are absolutely delighted with this report and it is truly fantastic news for the whole school. The continued 'good' grading is the culmination of a huge amount of hard work and is the very least the pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers deserve for their efforts in recent years.

I continue to be proud of Withington Primary School and the dedication and hard work of our pupils, staff and governors.

As ever, I thank parents/carers for their support of our school. We are keen to continue to work together with you through regular dialogue to support our children to ensure the highest possible outcomes. I will, of course, gladly meet with any parents/carers who would like to discuss any aspect of the report in more detail.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S P Robertson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr S P Robertson
Executive Headteacher