

Monday 11th March

Dear Parent and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I can now inform you of the results of our recent Ofsted Inspection which took place on the 5th and 6th December 2023. Given Ofsted have stated their intention to reduce the number of schools graded as outstanding, we knew keeping our existing grading would be challenging under the current Inspection Framework. However, our own self-evaluation and other recent accountability measures indicated that our school would retain the grading of outstanding, and staff and leaders were keen and eager to open our doors to Inspectors.

The inspectors that visited our school carried out their inspection over the two days. This included deep dives in various subjects, lesson visits, discussions with staff and pupils, meetings with school leaders and a scrutiny of the children's work. They met with the Executive Principal, Principal, Assistant Principals, members of the Governing Body and Trust, spoke with parents, and reviewed documentation provided by the school. More information about their findings can be found within the official report.

I am proud to say that the school has been given an overall grade of good with an outstanding grade in one of the five areas: Personal Development. The overall grading of good for Quality of Education was given because Inspectors felt that in a few foundation subjects, pupils are not always making links to past learning. Within the current Ofsted Framework, the Leadership and Management judgement cannot be higher than the judgement for Quality of Education.

Unsurprisingly, the inspectors praised our children and staff and recognised the positive role you play as parents and the school's part in the community. We would like to celebrate other positive comments that the inspectors noted in the report, particularly:

"Pupils are confident learners who are proud to be part of the school community. They feel happy and safe."

"The school has developed a well-planned and ambitious curriculum, which links to the school's core values. This makes the values relevant to pupils."

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“Overall, pupils with SEND make strong progress.”

“Pupils are kind and considerate to each other and others. Pupils know the school rules and understand how important it is to behave well.”

The Local Advisory Body and all at Aspire 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 it, and the ongoing performance of the school.

The full report is available to view on our Website. Please click [here](#).

We are very proud of this positive report which includes just one area of improvement. Bovingdon remains the same school today - under a 'good' judgement - as it was last week as an 'outstanding' school. We are confident pupils will continue to flourish and staff will endeavour to support children to achieve their full potential. The current inspection framework is heavily weighted to children knowing more and remembering more in every lesson. We will take on the feedback from our latest inspection and we are happy to review the place that knowledge holds in our curriculum; however we will be cautious about replacing our ambitious, exciting and active curriculum with rote learning and the robotic recall of facts.

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.

As ever, Bovingdon Primary Academy has demonstrated its culture of belonging, possibilities and achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their unwavering support and hard work, not just during the inspection but every day at Bovingdon. They consistently go above and beyond to ensure all pupils experience a rich learning and nurturing environment and I am very proud to work alongside them.

Yours sincerely

Shereen Breslin