



# Harefield Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on 26th and 27th April 2024. The full report will be published on the OFSTED website on Wednesday 15th May 2024. However, we are allowed to inform parents and carers of the outcome in advance.

Inspectors found many positive strengths within the school and found Leadership and Management and Personal Development to be Good. However, they have assessed that the school needs to improve in three areas. This means the judgment overall for the school is requires improvement. While this is disappointing, as leaders, we are aware that the high standard required by Ofsted are the standards we can reach. Inspectors were full of praise about the work that has begun to ensure that we can be a school that is judged at least good, in all areas, before they return.

OFSTED said that 'Pupils are happy to come to school' and 'Pupils are supported by staff who understand them well.' OFSTED also acknowledged that, since joining the school, the school's new headteacher has put appropriate plans in place which are starting to address variability in teaching. Inspectors identified that, whilst some disruptive behaviour was seen, that 'leaders have made improving consistency in how behaviour is supported and managed a whole-school priority.'

'Pupils with SEND benefit from the actions of staff are well met' and 'Different learning experiences support pupils' understanding to ensure individual needs of how to stay safe'. The report also recognises that Hamwic Trust have put in appropriate support, in order to support the school to improve in key areas.

Obviously, inspectors also highlighted a number of key areas which require improvement.

These include:

The school must continue its recently improved focus on implementing an effective curriculum delivered through consistent pedagogy. This is to enable pupils to achieve as well as possible.

The school must ensure that behaviour expectations and processes are consistently applied. This includes specific support for those pupils who find managing their behaviour more difficult.

The school must strengthen the plans for improvement so that children make a strong start to their education in EYFS.

All staff in school are committed to providing the best education for the children of Harefield Primary School. With the publication of the report, now is the time to look forward and continue to address the issues that you as parents/ carers are most concerned about – that is ensuring that the children of Harefield Primary School receive the high



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quality education that they deserve in a safe environment where all children are supported to reach their potential. We hope that you as parents/ carers will continue to support us with this aim.

We already have plans in place to address the areas for development and are beginning to see the impact of these. To give parents/ carers more opportunity to discuss the OFSTED report and the progress that we are already making in improving the school, we would like to invite you to an open parents' meeting at school on Monday 13th May, at 3.10pm until 4.10pm. This will be held in the learning lounge: please enter via the main school reception.

We look forward to having the opportunity to talk further with you at that time.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "S Carr". The letters are cursive and connected.

Sian Carr (Head teacher)