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Dear families,

I am pleased to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place in March 2026. Inspectors looked closely at every part of school life, and we are one of the first schools in Nottinghamshire to be inspected under the new Ofsted framework.

The two days were a rigorous examination of what we do, and we can all celebrate an outcome that shows our high-quality work, and the strong foundations we have built.

Ofsted Outcome 2026

We are proud that Ofsted judged 5 out of 6 areas as “Expected Standard”, which reflects the high-quality of provision on offer. We met all Safeguarding standards, with Inspectors recognising our strong Safeguarding culture. Achieving this outcome requires high-quality and precise work in each of the Inspection areas and is not awarded lightly. You will see commentary on this nationally.

Now the first 500 reports have been published, it is clear that “Expected Standard” is a high and rigorous bar, because Inspectors require schools to meet **every bullet-point** in the criteria. There is no longer a “best-fit” approach to Inspections.

Below I have included some highlights from the report, which we should all celebrate and be proud of. The link to the full report can be found here on our website: [Inspection Report](#)

Leadership and Governance

- “Leaders demonstrate a clear understanding of the needs of the community they serve.”
- “Leaders take difficult decisions in the best interests of pupils.”
- “Leaders show sustained determination to remove the barriers that limit pupils’ access to their education.”

Attendance and Behaviour

- “Leaders have taken decisive action to secure improvement, which is now evident in the school’s attendance information.”
- “Behaviour across the school has improved.”
- “Positive relationships between staff and pupils underpin a respectful classroom climate.”
- “Pupils say bullying is taken seriously and responded to quickly.”

Inclusion

- “Leaders responsible for inclusion work collaboratively and draw on trust support to strengthen systems across the school effectively.”

- “They identify pupils’ needs accurately, using a range of assessments to ensure support is appropriate.”

Curriculum and Teaching

- “Leaders have made significant improvements to the ambitious curriculum.”
- “Pupils’ books show a consistent approach to revisiting prior learning, alongside increasing opportunities for extended writing.”

Personal Development and Wellbeing

- “Leaders ensure that personal development is thoughtfully embedded across the curriculum and wider school life.”
- “A wide range of enrichment opportunities broaden pupils’ experiences and strengthen their sense of community and belonging.”

Achievement

Achievement is the one area identified as needing further focus, particularly at GCSE. You will see in the report the decisive work we are doing to improve Curriculum and Teaching and that our Progress 8 score in 2024 improved. However, we know that some pupils are not yet achieving well enough. We also know that this is strongly linked to attendance, and I communicate on this regularly. The report notes that:

- “Attendance remains low for some groups of pupils” and “this limits how far they can benefit from the school’s curriculum and wider opportunities.”

We are going to reach the next level, but we cannot do it alone. I need the support of every family and our whole community to get there. This includes making sure all children attend every day, so they can make the most of our high-quality offer.

What Happens Next

This report provides an accurate and honest view of what we do well, and what is already found in our Academy Improvement Plan. We are proud of the work we have done so far.

I am now working on our next long-term plan, taking us to 2030. Over the coming weeks I am exploring better ways to engage with our families, so that you have opportunities to shape the work that we do and help us achieve our strategic aims.

This is about building a truly exceptional school for the long-term, which has a lasting and meaningful impact for the children of Ollerton and our local villages. With a new building set for delivery soon we have so much to look forward to.

We now have strong foundations and a clear direction. This inspection confirms that we are on the right track, and we refocus immediately on getting even better.

Kind regards,



Mr M Brett

Principal

