**Wombwell Park Street Primary School**

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Thursday 25th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Ofsted Inspection 5th and 6th December 2023 – final Report**

As you will all know, Wombwell Park Street Primary School received an Ofsted Inspection visit in December 2023. I am thrilled to let you know that the Inspection team confirmed that the school continues to be a GOOD school and that arrangements for safeguarding are effective!

This is obviously the judgement that we were hoping for and I feel that the report very closely matches our school’s own Self Evaluation and School Improvement Plan judgements and priorities. The Ofsted Inspection was rigorous but incredibly useful for our school Leaders. The Inspection team were very supportive of the school and colleagues and they could see the tremendous efforts that had gone in to recovering the school following the pandemic.

Our staff team was particularly pleased that the Inspectors found our school to be a happy one, with a strong culture of respect and care, which are things our Leadership Team hold close to our hearts. Something we have worked hard on since the previous inspection is pupil voice and leadership, so to have this acknowledged as a ‘golden thread of the school’ was amazing!

Our staff team were also pleased to read about the positive behaviour that was seen in lessons and break / lunch times; Inspectors confidently spoke about the clear expectations which staff have of the children. As many of you will know, over the past three years we have worked hard to implement a new behaviour system and our ‘Incredible Me!’ programme (written and devised by Mr Fidment and members of the Trust’s central team), which has been a huge part of this. This bespoke support which children receive through this programme was seen throughout school and was described as an exceptional support for all of our children, complimenting the staff who work ‘relentlessly to remove barriers’ in order for children to learn and progress.

We are proud that Reading came out as a strength of the school as this again has been a priority since our last inspection. To hear some of the comments our children made about their knowledge, experience and love of reading was breath taking. This really contributed to the team’s judgement that our children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 get off to the best start possible, with secure foundations – thank you Miss McGinnes and the Phonics team! The Inspection team looked at Art and Science, as well as Reading. Leaders were complimented on their curriculum design and how this was really ambitious for all children, whatever their level of need. Our wider curriculum offer is something we have worked relentlessly to implement over the past few years and something which Mrs Longden and our teachers have led on brilliantly.

Our Governing Body demonstrated strong knowledge of the school, showing support and challenge where needed, to impact on the Leadership of the school. Our staff team spoke incredibly positively about their experiences at Park Street. ‘Staff are immensely proud to work at this highly inclusive school’ has to be my favourite quote as I think this summarises Park Street perfectly.

The supportive, friendly and hardworking ethos of staff and children was very evident for Inspectors to see. Parents were very complimentary about our efforts and our dedication to the children and families – thank you!

Our children were absolute superstars. They spoke to the Ofsted Inspectors with such confidence and passion for the school. They were a true support to staff during the Inspection and really kept all of the staff going…’We’ve got this Mrs Lawson!’ was my favourite child quote on day 2 of the Inspection. Our children are such a caring bunch and they fully appreciated what the whole Inspection meant to the staff team. Thank you, boys and girls! You should be such very proud Park Streeters!

I hope you enjoy reading the report and once again, thank you for your continued support. As always, we will continue pushing forwards with our school improvement plans to make Park Street the best place to learn! Should you wish to discuss anything with me regarding the Inspection or the report itself, do not hesitate to contact me.

**WELL DONE TEAM PARK STREET! – Thank you.**

Kind regards,

Mrs C Lawson

Headteacher