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Re: Ofsted outcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find attached the final report for our recent Ofsted inspection which took place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th of July.

As you will see from the report, we received an outcome of **OUTSTANDING**. This was evident in all the key areas: **Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Early Years and Leadership and Management.**

As you well know, I am incredibly proud to be headteacher of Lowdham CofE Primary and know how hard the staff work in so many areas; how well the children behave in their conduct and their behaviours for learning; how involved and committed our governors are; and how strong our links are within the community. I am especially very grateful for all of you who left positive messages on Parentview or who spoke with one of the inspectors – the overall message was one of trust in the school and of happiness that your child(ren) attends our school.

It is really important for me to tell you that the Ofsted framework has changed several times since our last inspection in 2011 and that the new framework, which began in September, 2019 is very thorough, more learning-focused (not just final assessments) and takes into account everything that schools do, including the wider curriculum and pastoral support. It is an exacting judgement which means there is no room for uncertainty – the inspectors were very clear to point out that we met **all** the aspects of an outstanding school in **all** key areas. This is, by no means, a small achievement. Successfully attaining the highest grading that His Majesty's Inspectorate can award, is rare indeed and currently we are the **only school in Nottinghamshire** to retain its outstanding judgement.

We are not a perfect school and we know there are always areas to work on but this inspection shows how carefully and skillfully we implement our curriculum; how much we care for your children; and how strongly we work as a team.

I leave Lowdham this summer with many fond memories and am thrilled at the outcome! I'm also pleased for the staff team as this rewards their continued efforts and for you as parents: your children mean so much to us and this is an amazing public acknowledgement of all we do for them.

Ben Waldram
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