



7th September 2023

Dear Parents,

You will remember that Ofsted visited Long Lane for their first monitoring visit at the end of June 2023. We are delighted that we are now able to share the final report with you.

As part of the Ofsted process, inspectors complete a monitoring visit at any school with an inadequate judgement. This monitoring visit is to ensure Leaders are making progress to improve the school. Inspectors can give a judgement of sufficient or insufficient progress.

If during a monitoring visit inspectors decide the school is no longer inadequate, they can change the visit to a full graded inspection. It is not usual practice and is unprecedented for this to happen at a first monitoring visit, however, we are over the moon to be able to tell you that the inspectors did re-grade Long Lane, and it is now graded as requires improvement. Ofsted expect it to take schools between 18 – 24 months to achieve this, which highlights the work we have completed to gain this new grading within 1 academic year.

This is an amazing achievement in such a short amount of time, and we would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all the staff and governors who have worked so tirelessly to help us achieve this positive outcome.

Leaders were already aware of the areas highlighted in the report and have been working hard to address these. We will be continuing our journey of hard work to secure an Ofsted judgement of good and beyond.

The Ofsted report is attached to this email for you to read. It will be available on the Ofsted website on 18th September and will be on the school website.

We would also like to thank our parents for their continued support during what has been a very difficult year.

This year we are looking forward to building on the improvements we made last year.

Warm regards

Teresa Bosley and Rachel Yemm
Headteacher Chair of Governors