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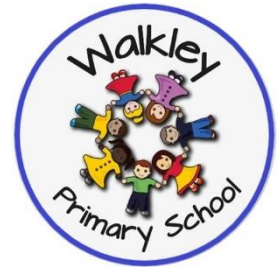
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'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'

7th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted Inspection Report for Walkley Primary School

On 7th and 8th November, Walkley Primary School was inspected under a Section 5 Inspection. During the inspection the team of inspectors carried out deep dives into 4 subjects: early reading and phonics, mathematics, history and design technology. In these deep dives they held discussions about the curriculum with subject champions, visited lessons, spoke to teachers and pupils about the learning in the subject and looked at samples of pupils' work. Inspectors spoke to pupils about their learning experiences in school and observed behaviour and attitudes of pupils in lessons, at break times and around school.

To evaluate the effectiveness of safeguarding in school, inspectors considered the extent to which the school has created a culture of safeguarding that puts the children's interests first, as well as statutory infrastructure and processes the school has in place to safeguard pupils.

Inspectors also reviewed the parental responses received through the questionnaire, Parent View and considered the responses to the staff questionnaire and met with the Governing Body and Local Authority to ascertain how governance challenges and supports leaders to improve the school.

Throughout the 2 day process, Inspectors met with both myself and Mrs Leverton several times, providing updates on their findings up to that point. In all our meetings with the Inspectors, feedback indicated that the school we know and care so much about was evident for the Inspectors to see. We were confident that nothing would be missed in their visit and we could indeed showcase the wonderful culture for learning we have at Walkley.

As such, the Inspectors recognised the characteristics of Walkley Primary School that we see every day: "A strong sense of community. Safe and happy pupils. High levels of respect for everyone. Achievements in school work and conduct celebrated by the whole community."

I am delighted that the Ofsted report comments on the knowledge and skills of our dedicated staff and recognises the rapid progress of the school since the last inspection, building a well planned, knowledge rich curriculum. Crucially, they acknowledge how the school staff meet the needs of all our pupils with skilled adaptations, interventions and activities, recognising the highly effective practice of our wonderful Teaching assistants.



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To see the dedication and effort of the staff, governors, pupils and parents of our school acknowledged in this way has filled me with pride. I am hugely confident in the continuing success of our school, the environment and culture of respect we have here, and the ongoing relationships we have between all the partners of our school.

I thank you wholeheartedly for your positive comments, Emails and messages during the inspection process. Inspections are a stressful time in school and your kindness and support really helped the whole team. It just further reinforces the importance of the whole community working together.

The report on findings from the inspection has now been published and can be seen on the school website [here](#): It will be available on the Ofsted website in the next few days.

Kindest regards

Chris Wallis
Headteacher