



Mercenfeld Primary School



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find attached our Ofsted Report from our recent monitoring visit.

The team were very impressed with what they saw. The visit was a full two days and because of the significant changes, evident throughout the whole school, they decided to change the visit into a full inspection as **they deemed us to be no longer having Serious Weaknesses.**

We are so proud that our fabulous school is **no longer recognised as being Inadequate.** I also appreciate your support as identified in the report:

"Parents have noted the changes at Mercenfeld too. A large majority are very supportive and would now recommend the school."

We are obviously especially proud of their judgements of 'Behaviour and Attitudes' and 'Personal Development'

Whilst Mercenfeld has come a significant way in this last academic year, we still recognise we are a work in progress. Change, **that has real impact**, can't all be implemented at once. We have concentrated on improving the quality of teaching and learning alongside standards in English and Maths. This is the reasoning behind their removal of our Inadequate status. The comments they have made about addressing the rest of the curriculum to ensure the same levels of progress and assessment **had already been recognised by Leaders.** Ironically, the first day they visited was the day we had planned to be working on our curriculum and making it more precise for next academic year!

We have since had this meeting and are working hard already on ensuring the whole curriculum has lessons which are taught in a logical order, building upon children's knowledge across all year groups. This will be fully in place for when the children return in August. Many new topics have been introduced alongside a clearer way of identifying children's needs in all subjects. Teachers can then respond to the information they identify within a lesson about children's knowledge and put into place next steps.

Leaders of subjects have been receiving ongoing training since returning to school after the last COVID lockdown. Most are now monitoring what children are learning across the whole school and how they are being assessed, we just hadn't had enough time to embed this fully. Our new curriculum will ensure this is all happening in the Autumn term.

Our ability to achieve all of this next term is also identified within the report:

"Leaders put children's interests first and do not shrink from difficult decisions. All staff now understand that every pupil, in every class, must receive a good curriculum that is well taught."

In what has been the most challenging year in any teacher's career, for Mercenfeld staff to have achieved all of the positive things described within the report I believe is inspirational. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole Mercenfeld team who have worked tirelessly together to ensure they can provide the very best for each and every one of your children

I am so proud to be the Headteacher of Mercenfeld Primary School and can't wait to see what we can achieve in the next two or three years before Ofsted's return. I think we might be asking them to come back before then to see just how good we are!

Mrs C

P.S Luna was also pleased to have been mentioned in the report!

