

OFSTED UPDATE FOR PARENTS

4th April 2014

Following our Ofsted inspection last May, the whole school community has been working hard towards the actions identified. I felt it was important to communicate with you the significant progress that has been made and the anticipated timeline towards a future re-inspection.

The school improvement process is broken into half terms. This is reviewed by first, the Governor Challenge Group and about a week later, by a group which includes a variety of outside agencies. This is known as the Interim Review and Challenge Meeting. Both make sure we are on track for rapidly achieving a Good or Outstanding grading. We have just had the third of these meetings and, as with the previous two, it was agreed we were on track for making at least 'Good', in the next inspection. They also agreed that leadership was strong and we were receiving appropriate support.

What happens next?

The timetable now for the Ofsted process is that at some point during the second half of next term, Matthew Haynes from HMI will inspect the school. If he considers it to be good or outstanding he will recommend that a full inspection is carried out, hopefully in the Autumn Term.

Focus Groups

We have had a useful focus group that has helped us consider certain issues. We will have another meeting early next term and would like to invite more people to join this group. We are feeling quietly confident and very hopeful that the school will very soon be out of the RI category. I would like to thank all of my staff, parents and governors for all their input and support during this challenging time.