

20th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: OFSTED Inspection on 22nd and 23rd February 2023 at West Acton Primary School

We are delighted to finally have our inspection report to share with you – the result was that we are a **GOOD** school! As many of you are aware, to achieve **GOOD** in all areas is quite a challenge nowadays, with high expectations on safeguarding, curriculum, behaviour, pupil attendance, staff workload and wellbeing to name just a few areas.

Following their last visit in January 2020 there were areas to improve on which we have relentlessly addressed and in particular made rapid progress on during the COVID-19 Pandemic too. Our curriculum offer, with a skilled subject leader for each subject, is rich and engaging in all subjects, recent projects include a new phonics and reading programme, decolonising the curriculum and carefully planning trips to enhance it. Pupils are respectful and understand consent and protected characteristics. Pupils' behaviour has been transformed with our whole school consistent policy including simple rules, our song and clear rewards and sanctions. Visitors to the school or when we go off site often notice this and comment on how well behaved our pupils are. The inclusive nature of the school whether it be pupils with SEND or EAL was noted and praised, living up to our motto of being a welcoming community. Our safeguarding provision is strong, as is the mental support for pupils underpinned by our very own created SafeTTspot and onsite therapist for the pupils.

The significant number of pupils with low attendance was noted yet we were commended on the endeavours we make to ensure our pupils can attend school. Some pupils are not yet able to recall or make connections in their learning – however we know that the longer pupils remain at West Acton, and attend school every day, the deeper their knowledge becomes and they perform very well in national tests.

I have attached the report for you to read – you may note there is a significant change in style compared to previous reports - it is a simple and succinct summary of our school, after two days of scrutiny by four inspectors! I look forward to sharing more highlights with you at the next parent forum later this term.

I have always said it is an honour and a privilege to be Headteacher at West Acton and I want to take opportunity to thank all the parents, carers, Governors and staff who support our wonderful children. This achievement is a joint effort by all stakeholders but above all pupils who exude our school values of courage, consideration and collaboration and relish every learning moment.

Yours faithfully

Karen Kondo

William Rollason

Headteacher

Chair of Governors