

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that we can now inform you of the results of our recent Ofsted Inspection which took place on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The inspectors that visited our school carried out their inspection over the two days, which included deep dives into various subjects, lesson visits, discussions with staff/pupils, meetings with school leaders and scrutiny of learning undertaken by children. They met with the headteacher, senior leaders and Directors. They spoke with parents, and reviewed documentation provided by the School. More of what inspectors looked at can be found within the official report.

The inspectors concluded that Heathland School is GOOD in all areas (Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision), resulting in an Overall Effectiveness of GOOD for the school.

We are very pleased that the Ofsted inspectors recognised so many positive aspects of our school, we have included a few of these comments below:

***This is a friendly school.***

***The school's curriculum is ambitious and well organised.***

***Pupils' safety and welfare are given high priority. Pupils are safe and feel safe.***

***Pupils and their parents agree that this is a happy place to be.***

***Leaders have high expectations for pupils.***

***Pupils are taught regularly about the importance of equal opportunities and fairness.***

[You can read the full report which is available to view on our website here:](#)

The last inspection of Heathland School was 9 years ago under a very different framework. The new Ofsted framework is much more challenging as Ofsted has actively chosen to make it harder for all schools to get an outstanding grade and a good judgement is just as challenging under the new framework. The Directors consider this an excellent achievement for the school and are exceptionally proud of all staff and pupils for their efforts during this inspection, the time leading up to the inspection, and the ongoing performance of the Heathland School.

We note that the report is extremely positive, and although there have been some areas highlighted for improvement, school leaders had already identified (and have been working to improve these areas) which clearly demonstrates the strong leadership of the school, who are committed to implementing and reviewing strategies which will deal with the areas raised by the Ofsted inspection.

Should you have any queries or concerns, we would urge you to contact the school in the usual way who will then be able to direct you to the relevant person, to discuss any matters further.

Once again, we would like to thank all of our pupils and parents for their continued positivity and support and for contributing to the ongoing success of Heathland School.

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher  
Heathland School



Ms L Malzard  
Chair of Directors  
Heathland Whitefriars Federation

