



Dear Parents and Carers,

Kettlesing School Inspection – October 2024

We are delighted to attach the report from the recent Ofsted inspection at Kettlesing School where we were judged as **outstanding** in two areas and **good** in two areas. As you may be aware, there is now no single judgement for inspections but a grading for each area. EYFS is not graded due to the small cohort however the outstanding practice in EYFS is noted throughout the report.

'Kettlesing is a small school with a big heart and limitless aspirations for all. The school is unwavering in their commitment to providing every pupil with the best educational experiences possible.'

What an immense effort from all including you as our well-respected parents and carers. As you are aware since September 2023, Kettlesing has been on a phenomenal journey and although the school was judged 'good' in 2019, it was clear in the summer of 2023 this was not the case. This resulted in swift and effective action from school, and federation staff of whom worked tirelessly this and last academic year for our wonderful school to now be in this position.

A key area was the safeguarding of its pupils therefore the initial priority. I am now overjoyed that:

'The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Pupils' welfare and safety are of the utmost importance. Pupils feel they have a voice and make a difference.... Behaviour is exemplary.'

After safeguarding, the next priority was the curriculum: a world-class curriculum model that, when implemented with rigour and consistency, ensured children receive educational excellence from the offset:

'Expectations of learning are high and pupils achieve well. Staff are experts in supporting all children. Pupils with SEND benefit from high-quality support and care. The teaching of mathematics is effective. Other curriculum areas exciting and engage pupil's curiosity.'

With such rapid and transformational changes, it was then imperative we focused on the mental health and wellbeing of all stakeholders. Something, which we are hugely proud of:



'The school puts a huge emphasis on mental health and wellbeing...creating a culture of kindness and compassion. Pupils are incredibly happy and thrive at this school. Staff feel overwhelmingly happy and supported at this school.'

We could not have done this without the continued drive, commitment and unwavering support of all stakeholders and the effectiveness of the Governing Body:

'Governors know the school well and have a clear understanding of their responsibilities. They are fully committed in supporting the school and federation.'

We are overjoyed that there was only one, single area for improvement however, we knew what this was and as you can imagine, have already commenced plans to address.

This report is something for all to feel hugely proud of and I cannot wait to continue to lead the federation to future success– what a phenomenal start to the year!

Thank you



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