

25th March 2024

Dear parents & carers,

We are delighted to be able to share with you the Ofsted report that follows the visit on 27th & 28th February 2024, by His Majesty's Inspector, Mrs Wendy D'arcy. The school experienced a 'section 8' ungraded inspection and retains its status as a 'good' school. For your information, the Ofsted report will be published on the Ofsted website by the end of this week.

You will notice in the report that many of the sections are highlighted in yellow...we have done this intentionally to draw attention to some of the many positive comments that we have received as a school.

As many of you are aware, shortly before the Ofsted visit, we analysed the effectiveness of the then 4-year rolling topic foundation curriculum and decided that we need to make significant changes. This led to the introduction of a new foundation curriculum, moving away from the 'topic approach' to a curriculum that contains specific subjects such as History and Geography, that is focussed on the development of key skills and the three types of knowledge: substantive, disciplinary and conceptual, and how to bring these to life in the classroom. Encouragingly, despite the new curriculum being just 2 weeks old, the inspector was able to see the justification for this strategic decision.

Furthermore, the majority of the areas for development highlighted in the report are very closely aligned to us continuing in the new direction and focus that our new foundation curriculum provides. Please be assured, as we move forward, much analysis will be done in order to address the areas identified for improvement and to provide evidence of the impact that this will have on our pupils.

One final thing we'd like to say before you open the report and read it, is to express the positivity in which the inspector communicated her experiences of our school to the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Board during her visit. She was left with a wonderful impression of our children, our staff and the wider-school community.

Having read the report, should you require further clarification of its contents, please do contact Laura in the office in the first instance.

With very best wishes,

Mr Clark, Mrs Bell & Mrs Bridgeman

Westonzoyland Senior-Leadership Team

