

Monday 27th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be able to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on the 17th & 18th December 2019. The HMI inspector has confirmed that Gayton continues to be a good school. Considering the new changes to the inspection framework (which came into place in September 2019) and recent changes to leadership, the curriculum and teaching and learning at Gayton, this really is an excellent outcome for our school. The report is a reflection of the incredible hard work and dedication of our staff, governors and, most importantly, our children.

The inspector was (not surprisingly) particularly impressed with our children. The report highlights many positives: their exemplary behaviour; their positive & warm relationships with adults and peers and their enthusiastic approach to learning. It is wonderful to know that the inspector felt that our motto of 'positive minds, positive futures' is continually reflected in our positive environment where everyone learns together.

I would like to say a very big thank you to our parent community for all your support and positive comments which were shared with the inspection team. Although we don't get to read the comments, the inspector was able to share a very small snapshot and commented on the overwhelming support from the parent community. I am incredibly grateful to parents for your support and am looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with you all.

Whilst we should all, quite rightly, celebrate this report, we recognise that there are still areas for development. These are already identified on our school development plan and will become central to our work in school to ensure that we quickly demonstrate progress towards the areas identified.

We are still very much at the beginning of our school improvement journey, but the Ofsted report has demonstrated that the recent changes that have been implemented at Gayton are beginning to have an impact. I can assure you that all staff and governors have a shared determination and commitment to continue to build on our successes to strive to provide the very best quality of education for all the pupils and are excited for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

I am incredibly proud of what has been achieved at Gayton and feel very privileged to be the Headteacher of such a special school with dedicated teachers, governors, parents and pupils who are a true delight to be around. The Ofsted report will be available on the Ofsted website from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 or can be downloaded from our school website under the information tab.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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