



# Fleet Wood Lane School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share with you the finalised Ofsted report for the full inspection carried out on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024. You will remember that we received a short ungraded (section 8) inspection from Ofsted in Jan 2023. This reported, that based on the evidence gathered, the inspection grade might not be as high if a full graded (section 5) inspection were carried out. This January's inspection was a full (section 5) inspection and despite significant improvements to address the improvement points reported in January 2023, this inspection has graded overall school effectiveness as requires improvement. This is a fair assessment and is reflective of both the work done to date and the work still to do.

The report details the actions needed for us to improve but it also acknowledges the school's strengths, judging personal development and pupil behaviours as good. This confirms our continued focus to enact our school vision. We are proud that our school is a place which gives our children an atmosphere of happiness and security; where children love learning and achieve their best and where they are relaxed and confident in their relationships with other children and adults.

Since the January 2023 inspection, significant work has been enacted to address the improvement points identified. Our work to define and enact a high-quality effective curriculum is well underway, and this is acknowledged by the report. *"The school's curriculum is going through a period of change. Work is underway to make sure that pupils follow a structured and ambitious programme in each subject."*

Our Key Stage 1 and 2 curriculums now clearly define knowledge and skills progression. This year we have also introduced Talk for Writing to enhance English provision across the school, which is already reaping reward for pupil learning and progression too.

Unfortunately, to introduce and embed a curriculum that clearly sets out the knowledge and skills to be gained, and that evaluates those expectations, is a large piece of work. The time between inspections has curtailed our ability to demonstrate the embedded impact of the

positive changes made. Going forward we will use Ofsted's feedback to build upon, and extend, the work already in place. This includes the development of school leaders who oversee curriculum subjects.

Over the last year, we have also reviewed the SEND systems in place and have been working closely with Lincolnshire County Council and the SEND Hub to improve these systems. Again, work is well underway. Ofsted's comments will be used actively to guide further improvements and developments as we move forward.

The inspectors acknowledged that children in EYFS engage well in their learning. They are encouraged to experience a wide range of well-planned activities. Staff help children to think and be curious to know more, which provides them with an excellent start to their primary school education. We are therefore disappointed that our Early Years Foundation Stage provision was judged requires improvement, but this judgement is linked directly to how our curriculum is documented rather than the quality of education experienced each day in the classroom.

We will continue to ensure that our youngest learners experience high-quality care and educational opportunities each day, as we enhance the documented aspect of our EYFS curriculum offer. In conjunction with our Talk for Writing project, we will ensure that our EYFS curriculum is language rich and includes extended provision for our learners to further develop their acquisition and use of language in enjoyable, engaging and purposeful learning opportunities.

A big thank you to every parent who supported the school via their feedback to Ofsted parent view. Governors and school leaders have already commenced their work to analyse the information provided (in conjunction with the school survey subsequently presented) and will move forward with you, in a positive partnership, to ensure that Fleet Wood Lane School is a school of choice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Parker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs M Parker  
Head Teacher