



## STRETTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our Inspection on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

The first paragraph says **'This is a friendly and extremely inclusive school. Pupils are nurtured and well cared for. Staff know the pupils well. They understand the various barriers and challenges that pupils face when they are learning. This leads to an environment where pupils feel safe.'** We are delighted that this was how Ofsted viewed our school.

The Ofsted Framework no longer gives an overall grading to a school and instead grades individual areas. As a school we are pleased that the areas of 'Leadership & Management' and 'Personal Development' were judged as being good.

Ofsted said that school leaders **'have worked relentlessly to improve the school during a period of instability. New leaders have already made positive improvements in several areas. The school has overhauled the quality of education that pupils receive. It has established an ambitious and well sequenced curriculum that clearly sets out the knowledge and skills that it wants pupils to learn from early years to Year 6. It has set high aspirations for pupils' achievement and personal development. The school provides staff with regular, high-quality training'**.

**'The school has ensured that learning to read is a priority. Children start to learn their phonics straight away in the Reception Year. Careful checking swiftly identifies if pupils start to fall behind. Staff give pupils the extra help they need to catch up quickly. This helps them to achieve success and builds their confidence.'**

**The school has strengthened its process for identifying and assessing the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Staff know pupils' needs well. Pupils are helped to access the curriculum alongside their peers.'**

Behaviour & Attitudes, Quality of Education and Early Years were judged as Requires Improvement. Whilst Inspectors identified that behaviour, both in lessons and around the school, can be good and recognised that children are polite, have good manners, show respect for others and are helpful and courteous but this is not always consistent. As a school we have already re-visited the Behaviour Policy with both staff and children to ensure that it is consistently implemented to quickly improve behaviour and reduce any disruption to learning.

Ofsted also identified that whilst curriculum development was well sequenced and ambitious we must now ensure that curriculum implementation is consistent across the school building upon pupils prior learning.

I would like to reassure that all staff in school are committed to providing the best possible education for the children of Stretton CE Academy and supporting them to 'let their lights shine'. As always, we welcome the support from our school community as we continue to take the school on the path of improvement. The full report can be accessed from the school website and Ofsted website.

With Kind Regards

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