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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

It's official ...

Cheadle Heath Primary School is a GOOD school with an "OUTSTANDING curriculum"!

I have pleasure in highlighting Ofsted's key inspection findings following our inspection in July. The report is testimony to the ongoing hard work, and strategic drive and direction, the senior leadership team, staff and governors place to ensure that the children at Cheadle Heath Primary School receive the best possible education. The report is a wonderful reflection of how special our school is and I hope that you will read it with a sense of shared pride. The full report has been published on our website (copies are available from the school office) and will be published on the Ofsted website on Thursday 15th September.

Ofsted say:

- Our pupils *"respond positively to the nurturing environment that leaders have created."*
- *"Pupils' behaviour is good and all pupils know what is expected of them" so that "... their positive attitudes to learning contribute to their success."*
- The *"curriculum is outstanding"* and *"is exceptionally well enhanced."*
- *"Very good relationships in most classes are a feature of learning."*
- *"The curriculum puts a very strong focus on the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics."*
- Our school has an *"impressive marking strategy in which pupils are taught to edit and correct their own errors"* and *"teachers' feedback is effective and helps pupils to deepen their learning."*
- There is a *"school culture in which teachers are reflective about their practice and continually strive to improve their teaching."*
- *"Children in the early years make a positive start to their learning because they like school and feel safe and secure at all times."*
- They say that *"pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities are very well supported so that they make good progress and achieve well."*
- *"The use of the sports premium funding is exemplary. The school analyses the impact of its funding to make sure that it benefits all pupils ... Every penny is made to count."*
- *"Homework is managed creatively and provides pupils with regular challenges. Teachers use homework to build resilience, embed prior learning and develop pupils' skills in investigation and research."*

The report highlights the progress the school has made since the previous inspection:

- *"Teaching and learning are consistently good or better."*
- *"The teaching of phonics (letters and the sounds they make) is a strength of the school."*
- *"Progress is especially good in mathematics."*
- *"Pupils read confidently, accurately and with understanding."*
- *"Middle leaders are well trained and effective. Together they ensure consistency of approaches across the school"*
- *"Governors have high ambitions for the school and for every pupil. They have a detailed knowledge of the school's strengths and areas for development" and "Governors see themselves as part of the learning community and provide sterling support to the school."*

Early years provision (Nursery and Reception) are reported on separately and Ofsted note that:

- Pupils *“make good progress because of the strong emphasis the school puts on phonics and early writing skills,” “Children develop good social skills in the stimulating and nurturing atmosphere” and “They have good attitudes to leaning and their behaviour is good.”*
- *“Activities are fun and engaging” and teachers “know their children well and are able to develop their special interest and enthusiasms.”*
- The *“outdoor provision is especially well equipped to develop children’s physical and creative skills.”*
- *“The good progress children make is readily seen in their ‘learning journey’ books” and “Parents are kept fully informed about what is happening at school.”*

Threaded through the report is the fact that we have high aspirations for our pupils. We strive for them to believe in themselves, to be resilient and aspire to be the very best they can be we are delighted that Ofsted recognised this as a strength of the school:

- *“Leaders want pupils to aim high and seek to build up their resilience and ambition.”*
- *“The curriculum is outstanding. This is because it is aspirational and seeks to open the eyes of pupils to the world around them and make them aware of limitless possibilities.”*
- *“Older pupils develop resilience and maturity. They are not afraid of getting answers wrong and say ‘you learn from your mistakes’.”*
- *“All pupils are given an opportunity to succeed and no form of discrimination is tolerated.”*

Such a wonderful Ofsted report could not have been achieved without the hard work and relentless drive and determination of staff, and governors, to ensure the best possible education for the pupils in our care. In addition, *“All aspects of safeguarding have a high priority in school”* so it is not surprising that our pupils *“feel safe and secure in school and trust the adults to look after them.”*

I would like to personally thank you, our parental community, for having faith in us and allowing us to educate your children and I know that *“The great majority of parents are very appreciative of the school’s work.”* It is so important to us that Cheadle Heath Primary is a successful school and this report highlights the first-class education we provide for all our pupils. I know that you will continue to enthusiastically work in partnership with us as we continue our journey and I sincerely hope that when you read the report it positively reinforces your decision to enrol your child / children here.

The report provides a real boost at the start of this new academic year and we are determined to continue our relentless journey to provide the very best possible education for the pupils in our care. Our aim is to provide a forward thinking curriculum with enriched learning opportunities as we continue the journey to outstanding. With the quality of teaching in our school, we are confident that we can achieve this.

We will be focussing on the areas for development identified by Ofsted but we do need you to help us with one aspect of this as well! As you know, we continually promote good attendance and Ofsted recognised this *“the school has been successful in reducing the number of pupils who are persistently absent”* but, despite our efforts, *“this number is still too high”* and *“some pupils do not attend regularly enough.”* If your child isn’t here, he/she can’t learn and receive the outstanding curriculum we deliver. Let’s remember, and apply, our motto ... on time, all day, every day!

**So, it’s official, Cheadle Heath Primary is a good school with outstanding features.
I look forward to continuing to work with you all, and leading #teamchps, in the future.**

Best wishes,



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