



March 18, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Ofsted Report February 2024

You may remember that on February 06 and 07 the school had a visit from Ofsted. I am writing today to inform you that the outcome of the inspection is that the school 'Requires Improvement'. The full report is attached to this letter.

This is not the outcome that leaders or governors wanted for the school, though it has not come as a surprise to us. Governors are confident that the school had already identified what needed to be done and had started to make the improvements in the highlighted areas.

We are very pleased with the many positive aspects of school life inspectors identified during their visit. In particular, inspectors were very positive about the experience children have at Drayton Green. They said, 'staff ensure that pupils are looked after and kept safe', 'pupils know how they are expected to behave and typically they follow the school's rules', 'pupils are happy here', 'safeguarding is effective.'

In terms of the curriculum, the inspectors recognised its breadth and scope, and the benefits to the children of our specialist teachers. Although more work needs to be done to prepare children in reception classes for Year 1, the report reflects that we have started to address this effectively. Our efforts to improve reading across the school were praised. Reading for pleasure is part of everyday school life.

You will be aware that a number of senior staff left the school last summer. Inspectors noted that this had affected the quality of education, but also recognised the school is more settled now and that there are signs that the school is improving. We have been very aware of this and governors have worked closely with the Headteacher to prioritise the professional development of the leadership team and to increase its capacity to carry out the improvements that are needed. The report recognises this: 'Governors work closely with school leaders and visit the school often to check the school's work. They have an accurate understanding of what the school needs to do to improve.'

In order to address the main areas that require improvement the school has drawn up a detailed plan to:

- Strengthen the school's leadership and management to secure the required improvements to the quality of education
- Provide more consistent support for children with special educational needs
- Improve the planning and delivery of the early years curriculum and ensure that





weaker readers are quickly identified and supported

- Develop strategies to reduce the amount of persistent absence
- Ensure that the appropriate professional development is in place in order to achieve all of the above.

Governors will develop their own plan to ensure that all of the above happens.

Once you have read the report, you may well have questions or want more information about particular aspects of it. To address these, I propose the following:

- Publishing the details of the plans that the school and governors are putting in place to achieve the improvements
- Holding a number of meetings for parents and carers to come into school to discuss the report or the plans. (Dates to be announced next week)

It would also be helpful if you would send in any questions that immediately arise (not about individual children) so that we can respond quickly to them, or make them the subject of one of the parents' meetings. Please send questions to admin@draytongreen.ealing.sch.uk marking them OFSTED Questions. These will be forwarded to me and the Headteacher. We will collate them and consider the best way to respond.

Our ambition is, and always has been, to ensure consistently high standards in all areas at Drayton Green. We acknowledge that we are not there yet and this is why we have received a Requires Improvement judgement at this time. However, we are confident that we have already made strides to address the areas identified and look forward to sharing our progress with you at regular intervals over the coming months.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

Marion Hardy
Chair of Governors

