

**5 September 2023**

## **Ofsted Report**

Dear Families,

As you are aware, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Claygate Primary School was subject to an in-depth rigorous Section 5 Ofsted Inspection. I am now able to share the report with you and the outcome of inspection.

We are extremely delighted and proud to inform you that the overall judgement is **GOOD** with some areas judged as **OUTSTANDING**:

<b>Overall effectiveness</b>	<b>GOOD</b>
Quality of Education	<b>GOOD</b>
Behaviour and Attitudes (includes attendance)	<b>GOOD</b>
Personal Development	<b>OUTSTANDING</b>
Leadership & Management	<b>GOOD</b>
Early Years Provision (Reception & Acorns Nursery)	<b>OUTSTANDING</b>

### **The highest grading is Outstanding.**

I am sure that you are aware to jump from 'Requires Improvement' to 'Outstanding' in 2 areas is a tremendous (and rare) achievement.

For an Outstanding Judgement to be awarded, provision must be 'exceptional' with no areas for improvement identified or required.

**We are delighted that Acorns is an OUTSTANDING Nursery and is 'exceptional'!**

**We are delighted that Early Years is OUTSTANDING and is 'exceptional'!**

**We are delighted that Personal Development is OUTSTANDING and is 'exceptional'!**

Here are just some of the positive comments included in the report:

*Leaders have high expectations in every aspect of school and want the very best for all pupils.*

*Behaviour is calm and orderly*

*Leaders have focussed on improving the quality of teaching and the curriculum. They have succeeded in both areas*

*There is now an ambitious curriculum in place right from the start of Nursery.*

*Teachers know how to teach well*

*Teachers choose activities and resources well, especially in subjects such as mathematics and English which results in high quality work*

*All pupils, including those with SEND, are able to access the curriculum effectively*

All the judgements were incredibly strong. The verbal feedback given by the inspectors to senior leaders and governors was fulsome in its praise of the provision for children at our school.

We are delighted that Ofsted agreed with our self-evaluation regarding our continued commitment to further hone some of the foundation subjects (eg French and Art) which are not yet fully embedded. The second target is to continue to work with all families to improve attendance.

A copy of the report is attached and can also be found on our website. The report is extremely positive and reflects the excellent progress we have made as a school since the previous inspection.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated staff, leaders and governors who have worked tirelessly to implement the changes that we have made. I would also like to thank you all specifically for your support in everything we have been aiming to achieve. It is hugely appreciated. The inspectors reported they were overwhelmed with the sheer number of positive comments from parents. Thank you to those of you who completed Ofsted's online survey, ParentView, or who spoke to the inspectors.

Although the Ofsted process does not look at assessment outcomes, we are thrilled that our results again this year reflect the quality of education our children receive. Whilst we recognise that both Ofsted and data are seen as validated measures of a school's success, our true measure remains **our children**. They are at the heart of everything we do, and the report recognises how brilliant they are. We aim to support all children to recognise their talents, build on their strengths, to acknowledge where they may find something tricky and help them to acquire the skills to move forward. We strive to create caring, thoughtful and passionate pupils who are proud of themselves and the communities they live in, and we are very pleased that Ofsted recognised this in the report.

We will continue to be outward facing, seizing opportunities to ensure our children leave our school fully equipped for the next stage in their lives. Together we grow!  
Regards,



Mrs Cunningham