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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers

Ofsted Monitoring Visit 13th-14th December 2022

Please find attached the report following our second monitoring visit. I would like to take this opportunity to further explain their findings.

As explained previously, my responsibilities include creating and implementing an action plan for the school to follow. The plan is designed to raise the overall standards and for the school to be measured against the legal framework set by the Department for Education.

All staff at the school are working hard to meet these standards and I am pleased that Ofsted recognise this with particular reference to our; safeguarding practices, improving attendance, the positive behaviours of pupils and the widening of the curriculum. We are really pleased with the feedback for Maths. This is a core subject and vitally important for all pupils.

The report will enable us to focus our efforts ensuring all subjects are raised to the same standards as our Maths and adapt our teaching to meet the needs of individual pupils. We recently made changes to pupil groups so that similar ability pupils can work closer together and make the progress they are capable of. Pupils will be provided with work more consistently appropriate to their individual ability and needs, with lessons being more engaging.

Inspectors witnessed some fantastic examples of pupils reading, especially our year 7's – well done. We have invested in a reading and phonics programme that staff are currently receiving specific training on. We shall see the benefits of this during term 4 and beyond. This will be a legacy programme, no matter the future changes, Woodlands will always keep reading at the heart of our educational offer.

Recruitment continues to be a challenge. It is hard to attract staff into special education, SEMH can be very hard. I am hoping that as the school improves and with your support we can attract support staff, instructors and teachers to come to Woodlands and enjoy working with our amazing and talented pupils, helping them to reach their potential as they move towards the more adult world.

Can I also ask that we as parents and school staff, work closer together with regards to communication. Please contact the school when details change, to report pupil absence and when things happen outside of school that you know will impact on your child inside school.

We shall be hosting the second of our parent forum meetings (date to be confirmed early term 4) but should you wish to discuss the report in greater depth, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Kind regards

Mr C. Smith
Proud – Head Teacher



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