



Belmont Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have attached a copy of the Ofsted report following their visit on the 1st and 2nd of October 2024.

There is no longer an overall school judgement given by Ofsted. Ofsted now only make judgements against five key areas of the school.

The senior leadership team and governing body have already identified areas that the school needed to improve, and Ofsted agreed with our judgement.

We recognised in September 2023 that the school needed to make a number of changes to get the school back to where we want to be, and we know that we are still on this journey.

We have made a number of changes in my time as Headteacher; making wholesale changes in our reading, writing, phonics, spelling and behaviour curricula. It takes time for these changes to embed and Ofsted came too early to see their full impact. Our staff in school all recognise that the quality of learning in all of these areas has improved. I am sure you will also see this reflected in your children's learning books when you come to parents' evening.

It was particularly disappointing that Ofsted didn't see good behaviour in school. The new behaviour curriculum that we have implemented since January 2024 has seen a marked improvement in behaviour across the school. Like all schools, we have challenging behaviour from a small number of children with additional needs, but the vast majority of children behave well at Belmont and it is disappointing that this was not made clear in the report.

The Ofsted report highlighted that provision for children with special educational needs was not good enough, particularly the oversight of SEND provision. We are aware that Belmont has a good reputation for SEND provision in the local community and we are committed to making the necessary adjustments to ensure that this continues in the future.

We are determined to see this inspection report as an opportunity for further change and improvement for our school, and we're keen to make this happen as quickly as possible. The report states that the school is ambitious for our pupils, and we will continue to be so.

I also wanted to personally thank everyone who completed Ofsted's Parent View survey or spoke to the inspectors on the first morning of the inspection. This is such valuable feedback, and we will read every comment to continue to make the school the best that it can be.

What this means for us now:

- Our leadership team are busy reviewing all the feedback we received over the course of the inspection, and we are updating our school improvement plan.
- We have updated staff, and we will update governors on how we will be applying this feedback as part of our ongoing plan of action to improve the school.



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- We will receive another inspection within approximately 30 months. This will be a shorter inspection to ensure that we have made improvements against the Ofsted recommendations.

Thank you once again for all the support you continue to give the school.

If you have any questions, about the contents of the Ofsted report specifically, please contact me on 01476 567939 or by email at jamie.allsopp@belmont.lincs.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allsopp".

Jamie Allsopp
Headteacher

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Buckberry".

Simon Buckberry
Chair of Governors