

Wednesday 5th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the very positive letter from OFSTED telling us the outcome of the inspection visit last week. The letter will be published on the OFSTED site within 5 days.

This was a one-day inspection as we are a good school. This type of inspection is designed to confirm the judgements made in the previous OFSTED inspection. Ofsted confirmed that Heyford Park Free School is a Good School.

The school has changed significantly since the last OFSTED in 2015 when there were 180 children. We now offer an education from nursery to post 16. There has been significant growth in staff since the previous inspection, including a complete change in the senior leadership team. We now have 648 children in the school and 89 staff.

Following a short inspection such as this, the lead inspector then writes to the Principal with a summary of findings. This letter is then published on the Ofsted website, and the school sends out the letter to parents.

We are pleased that OFSTED recognised that:

- “pupils are proud to be part of a through school”
- “relationships are strong between staff and pupils”
- “pupils feel safe and that there is always someone who will listen to them”
- “inspectors observed polite, engaged pupils in lessons and around the school”
- “in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception) inspectors found a bright and well-organised provision that support children well to have a good start to their learning, and where leaders work exceptionally well with parents”
- “leaders know their school really well and have already identified the key areas for improvement”
- “the Head of the primary phase and I have worked with determination to establish high expectations and aspirations for all at the school”
- “staff share a clear vision and determination for school improvement”
- “we have already improved the curriculum, the overall quality of teaching and the way that staff manage pupils’ behaviour”
- “leaders make the most of the school’s location and pupils enjoy the wide range of activities and special study days”
- “governors are aspirational and share my ambitious vision for the school”

We are also pleased that the priorities identified in the report reflect our “accurate understanding of the strengths of the school and the priorities for improvement.” We will therefore ensure that we

continue to improve and build on our vision for education for all our children now and in the future at Heyford Park Free School.

I know you will be as pleased as we are with letter from OFSTED. Thank you for your continued support, both for the school and for your child's learning. Thank you to the staff and Governors for their tireless hard work and commitment to raising standards. Together we can celebrate a very positive future for all our children.

Yours faithfully

Karen Healey
(Principal)