



Dear All,

20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

As you will no doubt be aware, Levendale had a routine Ofsted inspection on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, our first since June 2013. As a previously 'Good' school, we were subject to a one-day inspection that would only be converted in to a two-day process if the Lead Inspector had sufficient cause to believe that the school was no longer 'Good'. We were very pleased that the Lead Inspector was satisfied that the school has maintained its 'Good' judgement. As part of the process, we are unable to divulge the outcomes of the inspection until the publication of the report: a draft copy of this report was received on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, checked for factual accuracy then returned to OfSTED – the final report was received on Monday afternoon this week, was taken to the Full Governing Body meeting on Tuesday evening and is now available to be read on our school website:

<http://www.levendaleprimary.org.uk/ofsted/>

The report will not be published on the Ofsted website until around the 30<sup>th</sup> October but we are obliged to publish it on ours at least five days prior to Ofsted's publication date.

The process was an extremely rigorous yet positive one: Diane Buckle (the Lead Inspector) agreed wholeheartedly with the school's self-evaluation and was pleased that we had already identified and were already addressing the areas that she perceived as areas for development. She was extremely complimentary about the children of Levendale and the attitudes to learning that she saw in classrooms. We would like to thank all those parents who were able to complete the Parent View questionnaire, those pupils who completed their own version and to those parents who spoke to Diane in person, some going well out of their way to do so. This helped provide a comprehensive overview of how the school is thought of by parents and children.

In closing, we would like to reiterate a few points made by the Lead Inspector in the report:

- "Pupils of all abilities, including disadvantaged pupils and those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, make good progress from their starting points";
- "Pupils in all year groups demonstrate excellent attitudes to their learning, exemplary manners and offer broad smiles and a warm welcome to visitors";
- "Pupils say that they feel safe in school and they have the utmost faith that should an incident occur there would be a trusted adult in which they can confide. Parents endorsed this view";
- "Your underpinning ethos is in developing the whole child; academically, socially and emotionally. This strong set of values steers the school's curriculum well and nurtures the strong sense of 'family' within the school. Parents value greatly the time taken by your staff to get to know and appreciate their child's needs".

These are just four of the many positives from the report but are some of the ones of which we are personally most proud. That sense of family is something that we rightly pride ourselves on, and we would like to put on record our thanks to the staff, Governors, parents/relatives and, by no means least, the fabulous children of Levendale for all their contributions to the family ethos and values of the school.

Very best wishes,

Dr. R. Beadnall  
(Head Teacher)

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(Chair of Governing Body)