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Lemington Riverside Primary School – Ofsted Report 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I am delighted to enclose a copy of our Ofsted report following our visit from Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), Alison Aitchison, in April.

Following the inspection, our school has been rated as a '**Good**' school. As you will see from reading the report, the Inspector focused on many areas of school life including teaching, the curriculum, leadership & governance of the school, safeguarding and behaviour.

This report isn't just about the two day visit, but reflects the journey our school has been on for the last 3 and a half years. We have been determined to build a school that our children, families, staff and community are all proud of – this report recognises the huge strides forward that we have made in that time.

I would like to thank everybody who has contributed to our journey and has supported us to get Lemington Riverside to where we are today. The journey by no means stops here though, this is just the beginning and we have so many exciting plans for our school in the days, weeks, months and years ahead.

Here are some key quotes from the Ofsted report:

- "Pupils say they are happy, feel safe and love learning. They know that adults expect them to work hard and they do. One pupil said, 'School is like a big family.'"
- "They (pupils) say that all pupils behave well due to the high expectations set by leaders. They state that leaders are fair and consistent with rewards and consequences. Pupils cannot remember a time when bullying occurred. They recognise what constitutes bullying and trust adults to deal with any potential incidents swiftly."
- "The senior leaders are determined to provide a high-quality education for all pupils regardless of their needs or abilities. They have designed a creative and ambitious curriculum based on educational research. It is well sequenced across all curriculum subjects."
- "This is an inclusive school. Leaders have ensured that the curriculum is accessible to all pupils. This includes pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Teachers make sure that learning is adapted to meet pupils' needs. Pupils can access specific resources or additional support from adults. The special



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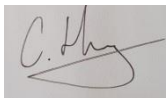
educational needs coordinator (SENCo) ensures that all adults take responsibility for pupils with SEND. As a result, these pupils achieve well.”

- “Mathematics is a strength of the school. Pupils use the knowledge learned in previous years to help them to tackle new learning.”
- “Pupils are enthusiastic readers. They love to read for pleasure in the school’s fiction and non-fiction libraries. In Reception, children make a rapid start to learning to read. Pupils have opportunities to practise their reading skills every day. Adults match reading books to the sounds pupils know. This helps all pupils to read with confidence. Staff track how well pupils learn to read. Adults provide extra phonics or reading sessions to help pupils catch up if they fall behind.”
- “A strong culture of safeguarding permeates the school. Leaders and staff know children well and act in their best interests. The welfare officer works closely with families to provide timely and effective help and support. Leaders have provided high-quality training in safeguarding. They check that all adults are aware of signs of risk or concern.”
- “Pupils are aware of the risks they might face, including when they are online. Pupils learn about healthy and unhealthy relationships. They say that they feel safe.”
- “Leaders are vigilant in providing support to pupils who are vulnerable. This means the children and the families get the right help at the right time.”

As with all Ofsted reports, we have a couple of areas to work on as highlighted in the report. The Senior Leadership Team have already put together a new action plan to ensure that these areas are actioned within the coming weeks and months.

I’ve always said how proud how I am to lead your school – I am pleased that we now have an official report to back up the great work that goes on at Lemington Riverside day in, day out!

With best wishes,



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