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Dear Parents and Carers

### **OFSTED REPORT**

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the time delay in this being published was due to the timing of the inspection, OFSTED do not publish reports over the school summer holidays. We are pleased to be able to share the report with you in advance of it being published on the OFSTED website.

The two-day inspection was rigorous, but supportive experience for all involved and there were many positives to celebrate.

The OFSTED inspection recognised that:

“ Walsh C of E Junior School provided a calm and safe place to learn.”

“Pupils attend regularly and enjoy coming to school.”

“The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.”

“ Leaders are aspirational for pupils and support them to develop personally, during their time in school.”

“ Teachers use assessment information well to plan lesson that build on what pupils already know.”

“All staff have had training so that they are well equipped to support those pupils who find it difficult to read.”

“They (the children), are proud to represent the school in community events.”

The OFSTED Inspection Team also recognised that we need to continue to work on:

Embedding the changes made to the reading curriculum.

Embedding the agreed protocols for behaviour and ensuring that all staff have high expectations of pupils and apply these consistently.

Providing teachers with continuous professional development that ensures the intended curriculum and assessment strategies are implemented effectively, inform planning, and impact on improved outcomes for all pupils including those with SEND.

Consequently, Ofsted judged the school to require improvement. The areas for improvement had already been identified by school leaders, there are areas that we have been working on, and areas that we have made progress in since our last inspection, and they are reflected in our school development plan. It was also good to have confirmation that we are moving definitely in the right direction.

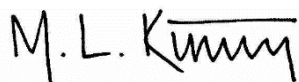
As the report states, "School Leaders are committed to working with external partners to improve the school". All school staff, and governors, have an accurate understanding of the areas for improvement and the actions that need to be taken to ensure that we achieve the best possible outcomes for all of our children. All school staff and governors are fully committed to the continual improvement of Walsh C of E Junior School.

The OFSTED report will be published on the OFSTED website on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September and will also then be made available on our school website.

We would like to invite you to join us for a coffee afternoon on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2:15pm** to give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have in relation to the OFSTED report. If you are unable to attend but have questions, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team at a later date.

We would like to thank you as parents, for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs Marie Kirwin**  
Acting Headteacher



**Mr Martin Burford**  
Chair of Governors