



FOREST HILL SCHOOL

ASPIRING TO EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share with you the Ofsted report for the inspection of the school which took place on 13 and 14 December 2023.

We are delighted that this report takes us out of the Ofsted 'Requires Improvement' (RI) category, with the school having been judged as being 'Good' in all categories. You may remember the letter we wrote following the 2021 inspection, which did not do the school justice in the least and kept us in RI. This letter will not resemble that one in either tone or length!

I'm sure you will agree, when you have had a chance to look at the report in detail, that it reads extremely well. Unlike 2021, we were very happy that the inspection team carried out a thorough and professional inspection and were able to see the school as we see it every day. This has resulted in a report which truly reflects Forest Hill School and all it has to offer. I feel I should make clear that the strength of this report places it firmly at the strong end of a 'Good' judgement, and that is gratifying for all concerned. We are pleased with this outcome after the challenges the school has faced over recent years. It is a vindication and validation of the improvement work we have carried out, and places Forest Hill in a great position. Be assured that, pleased as we are, we will not rest on our laurels. Rather we will use this outcome to give us renewed impetus to build and improve further.

Our thanks go out to all members of the community for their part in helping the school to be the vibrant and aspirational place it is, and was seen to be by the inspection team. Students, parents, governors and staff were determined that this time round the school would get the judgement it deserved, and that came to pass. It's a credit to the whole community and is reflected in the final line of the main report:

'Staff, students, parents and governors are proud of their school'

Never have truer words been spoken!

Yours sincerely,

Michael Sullivan
Headteacher

Keith Knox
Chair of Governors