

Friday 14th July 2023.

Dear parents/carers,

Ofsted Report

As you will be aware, on the 13th and 14th of June 2023, Grampound Road School had a full two-day Section 5 Ofsted Inspection. The process was very robust and rigorous. Following formal notification from the lead inspector, I am now able to share the report with you and the outcome of the inspection.

We are extremely delighted and proud to inform you that the overall judgement is that Grampound Road School is **GOOD** in all areas:

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good

Here are just some of the positive comments made by the lead inspector in the report:

'At Grampound Road Village, staff and pupils live out the ethos of 'Together with love, we can inspire, discover and thrive'. Pupils enjoy school and reflect this in their highly positive attitudes to learning. They attend well. When talking about their work, pupils speak with passion and enthusiasm. Staff nurture and care for pupils. They feel safe and secure.'

'Leaders have created a well-sequenced curriculum from early years to the end of key stage 2.'

'Teachers ensure that pupils learn to read books that are closely matched to the sounds they know. As a result, pupils learn to read well.'

'Children in Reception Year learn phonics as soon as they start school. This ensures that they learn to read quickly and are well prepared for Year 1.'

'This is an inclusive school. Leaders have a high ambition for pupils with SEND.'

'Leaders have established a strong personal development curriculum.'

'Staff celebrate pupils' achievements in assemblies. Pupils have a strong grasp of equality. For example, they know that in the past society viewed some jobs as being gender specific, and that families come in different forms.'

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'The majority of parents have positive views on the school. They feel that staff care for pupils well.'

'Staff feel proud to work at Grampound Road Village CofE School.'

'Leaders have established a prominent safeguarding culture. Leaders have trained staff so they can identify pupils at risk of harm. They note any concerns promptly and in a detailed manner. Leaders act decisively upon these. Staff know their families well. They work closely with other agencies to help families get additional support.'

'Governors support and challenge leaders in equal measure. They rightly feel that the school has improved rapidly in the new trust.'

A full copy of the report is attached or can be found by visiting the website. The report is extremely positive and reflects the excellent progress we have made since our last inspection.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our brilliant staff, leaders, (this includes the teachers who are also subject leaders) governors and members of the Trust who work tirelessly for the children of this school. Grampound Road is indeed a good school and I feel that we all share a sustained determination to continue to build on our successes, to strive to provide the very best quality of education, and again I thank you all for this shared vision. I would also like to thank you as parents/carers specifically, who have supported the school in all we have been aiming to achieve, which is hugely appreciated. Thank you as well to those parents and carers who spoke to the inspector, or who completed Ofsted's online survey, ParentView.

Ofsted is only one aspect of how we measure our success – our true measure remains our children. The children remain at the heart of all we do, and the report recognises how important they are to us. We strive to help all children to recognise their talents, build on their strengths, recognise where they may find something challenging and to help them to have the strategies to move forward from this. We aim to create respectful, trusting and resilient pupils who are proud of themselves and of the communities they live in. I know that Ofsted inspections will come and go – what will never change is our high expectations, our passion for learning and education, and our drive for all children to flourish.

With the support of the Trust, we will continue to strive to improve in those areas identified for further improvement. It is our ambition to see that every element of our work reaches the highest possible levels. I know that I will have your support in the work we will be doing together to make Grampound Road the best school it can be.

This is a fantastic achievement for everyone in our school. I will hope that you will join us in celebrating this great success and spread the word to the entire community about just how amazing our school and academy is and how exceptional its children and staff are.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Kennedy (Head of School)

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