



Monday September 8th 2025

Ofsted inspection dated July 2nd and 3rd 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you today with news of the incredible Ofsted report that has just been finalised. As you may be aware, when the school was last visited by an inspection team in 2022 it was judged to be Requires Improvement. Since then, Ofsted's framework has slightly changed and reports no longer provide a single word judgement, being replaced with five distinct categories. We are delighted to reveal that Inspectors' headline conclusions were as follows:

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| 1. The Quality of Education | Good |
| 2. Behaviour and Attitudes | Outstanding |
| 3. Personal Development | Good |
| 4. Leadership and Management | Good |
| 5. Early Years Provision | Outstanding |

Behind the Headline Grades

Ofsted reports are not as detailed as they once were, but behind the headline grades there are some fantastic statements which showcase just how far the school has come.

From our first day at SWB, we have always stated that ensuring the safety and security of every pupil is our number one concern, and so we were pleased to note that inspectors highlighted that the school "takes the safety and welfare of pupils very seriously", summarising that safeguarding measures are effective.

Another significant area of development since last September has been improving the provision for our SEND pupils. We were pleased to see that inspectors felt "pupils with SEND receive the support they need to succeed".

Of the whole pupil body, inspectors emphasised their "exemplary behaviour", and that they are happy, have a strong sense of belonging and take pride in the school. Additionally, they noted how pupils "respond positively to the school's high expectations and achieve well" and "have strong working relationships with peers and staff". We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of our children, who are undoubtedly the best ambassadors for our school.

Regarding our younger pupils, it was determined that "Children in the early years develop a genuine love for learning". Providing pupils with the best start to their education ensures their approach to learning and attitude towards school is set for success.

The previous report found that pupils were not receiving a broad and balanced curriculum. During the curriculum information sessions that we organised last academic year we discussed and presented the work done to rectify this. The report recognises that pupils now enjoy an "ambitious and broad curriculum", where the school still places great emphasis on reading. Inspectors were impressed with pupils' confidence, fluency and enjoyment of reading.

Beyond the curriculum we have worked hard to provide opportunities outside the classroom. Inspectors noted the changes implemented to "enrich pupils'

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experiences beyond the academic curriculum” and were impressed by how pupils are developing talents through art, sport and music.

Praise for the whole SWB Community

To see the school’s progress in such a short space of time is remarkable. We are aware that there have been changes since September, but we hope this independent and external review of the school shows that what we are doing is working.

This report is a testament to the commitment and resilience of the whole SWB community. We are firm believers in the adage that “it takes a village to raise a child”, and we appreciate that for some in our village the last 18 months has posed challenges. We remain firmly committed to our strategic direction which is already delivering for our pupils.

We want to give special mention to our wonderful staff, who alongside our pupils have flourished. It is with a great sense of pride that we see the team growing in confidence and leading by example. They are the beating heart of what makes this school what it is, and we are delighted that their hard work has been so richly praised by Ofsted.

Vision for the Future

As a school, we will take the time to celebrate our achievements, but we want to reassure you that we will never think that we have completed the job. We know there is still more to do.

We will use this report as a springboard to bigger and better things, offering greater opportunities and experiences to every child at SWB.

Yours faithfully,



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Head of School



Siobhan Fehim
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