

Dear Parents,

### **Ofsted Report Information and Summary for Parents**

You will recall that the school recently had an Ofsted inspection on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The report is attached.

We are somewhat disappointed by the findings of our recent Ofsted inspection report; however we are happy that this report does also reflect much of the very good work that goes on in our school. Whilst, under the new inspection framework we are now deemed a school 'requiring improvement', it is important to note that the Ofsted information clearly states that a school 'requiring improvement' is not a school causing concern.

The inspection framework used was introduced in January 2014. It is more exacting than the previous inspection framework and demands much more from each individual key stage in terms of rates of progress. Therefore as the rates of progress for some of our children didn't achieve expected national outcomes Ofsted graded school as requiring improvement.

All the judgements in this framework are inter-linked, therefore, if the rate of progress for any group of children is judged to 'require improvement' then 'leadership and management' and 'teaching and learning' cannot be judged any better as one judgement links to the other.

We recognise that there are areas for improvement, some of which we had already identified and in partnership with the staff, governing body and the Local Authority, we are drawing up plans with clear targets for improvements to address the identified issues.

As part of the improvement process the school will receive a monitoring visit from HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) within twelve weeks to check that the school has a robust plan in place to effect the necessary improvement. We can assure you that we are working extremely hard and effective plans are being drawn up to raise standards at Brockley Primary School.

We will receive another Ofsted inspection within 24 months and have every confidence that the outcomes of the inspection will be much improved, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your responses in our parent questionnaire and on parent view. We value the support of parents and look forward to continuing to work closely with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

David Fidler

Chair of Governors

Caroline Rodgers

Headteacher

### **The Ofsted team were impressed with the following:**

- Pupils enjoy coming to school.
- Pupils feel safe and well looked after in school. They have a good understanding of keeping themselves safe.
- Pupils behave well outside of class and willingly take on responsibilities. They are polite and proud of their school.
- The school's support staff work closely with teachers. They provide good support for pupils who need extra help with their learning.
- Action taken to improve phonics (the sounds letters make) in Year 1 has been successful.
- Staff commitment to the school is strong and they are keen to secure improvement.
- Bullying is rare and when incidents do occur children are confident that it is dealt with.
- Parents are supportive and confident their children are safe.
- Relationships between staff and pupils are good.
- Teaching assistants are well deployed and work in close partnership.
- Special educational and disabled pupils' needs are identified accurately and support is provided where it is most needed.
- Early years staff have good links with parents. There are good arrangements for children starting in the Nursery so children settle quickly and happily.

### **What does the school need to do to improve further?**

- Secure consistently good teaching so pupils make good progress in reading, mathematics and writing including the aspects of grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Improve the effectiveness of leadership and management.
- Improve the leadership and management of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- An external review of the school's use of pupil premium should be undertaken in order to assess how this aspect of leadership and management may be improve