



Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary School

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Dear Parents

Please follow the link to our recent Ofsted Inspection undertaken between the 15th-16th July 2021. This report can be found on our website as well as on Ofsted's Website from the 22nd October 2021.

We saw positive feedback in some areas of the school, with Personal Development being rated as good. This reflects the hard work and dedication that has been put into the school over the past few years and we are really proud of this achievement. In other areas of the judgement, we found the ratings to be extremely disappointing and have set out some context below to help you understand how these ratings were determined.

FWVPS has been classed as a school in special measures, we are a school causing concern and will be subject to an academy order. The Secretary of State has a duty to make an academy order for all maintained schools judged to require special measures.

The overall judgement on the school is inadequate, due largely to a failure to comply with some aspects of safeguarding requirements. The way in which the Ofsted assessment works means that where any element of safeguarding is deemed as inadequate, this results in the overall judgement having to be inadequate. This is understandably very disappointing. However, as a school we take this extremely seriously and we are confident that we can meet the required improvements. We have already taken swift steps to rectify these since the visit. Appropriate Safeguarding training has been delivered to all members of Staff and Governors, as well as additional external training which will be completed in early January. Please be assured that we take safeguarding seriously and consider it a priority to ensure that your children are safe whilst they are with us in school and in the wider world. An updated Safeguarding policy, in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021 document, has been completed and a new behaviour policy has been developed by staff and will be shared with yourselves shortly. The school will focus on specific rules that promote the 'Wonderful Weaver Way' ensuring that the children are 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' at all times.

In a climate of very intense accountability, as a small school, Mr Van Geffen and his team made consistent and strategic improvements over the six years since the previous Ofsted. As previously mentioned, we are pleased with the positive areas that were highlighted in the report:



- ‘All pupils benefit from the experiences that leaders provide to enhance their wider development. Pupils make improvements to their school and local community. They learn about the careers that are available to them. They learn about how to protect the natural environment.’
- ‘Our Early Years enjoy a broader curriculum... Children in early years gain a broad understanding of most areas of learning.’
- ‘...effective specially resourced provision for pupils with Autism Spectrum Disorder.’
- ‘parents and carers generally feel that pupils behave well.’
- ‘In reading, writing and mathematics, teachers are clear about what leaders expect most pupils to learn in each year group.’
- ‘Leaders provide additional support and numerous catch-up sessions for pupils who have fallen behind.’
- ‘Leaders ensure that most pupils read fluently and accurately. Teachers and support staff are well trained in teaching pupils to read and to enjoy literature. Reading plans are well thought out for most pupils. This begins in the Nursery class.’
- ‘Most pupils develop a love of reading as they practise the sounds that they know.’
- ‘Leaders have thought carefully about how to support pupils’ personal development. They have ensured that all pupils, including the most vulnerable and those with SEND, take part in regular, high-quality extra-curricular activities. These activities help pupils to build up their resilience and character.’

As a new headteacher in the school, I feel that the above mentioned positives are only a very small snap shot of some of the fantastic work that happens at FWVPS and contain some of the reasons you have chosen our school for your children. This grading does not change any of these. I am asking you to trust us as we continue to make improvements to the areas identified in the report and also continue to deliver on your aspirations as parents. I will be in communication with you as soon as I know any further information about moving to being an academy school and the impact it will have.

I would like to offer you an opportunity to ask any questions or raise any concerns that you may have by booking an appointment with the Leadership Team and Chair of Governors, via the school office. I will regularly communicate with yourselves about any actions we have already taken, and what steps we will be taking in the immediate future to meet the standards and to work towards restoring a judgement of 'Good'. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

L Gibson-Phillips
Headteacher