



Longford Primary Academy

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Dear Parents,

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We have now received a final copy of our Ofsted report following the inspection that took place in October 2022. While the overall outcome is Requires Improvement, the inspection team recognised the significant improvements made across the Academy, particularly those made within the last academic year. Inspectors noted that *'leaders have secured many recent improvements in school provision'* and that *'[leaders] are especially focused on improving the quality of education that the school provides.'*

We have worked exceptionally hard to ensure that our school offers an ambitious curriculum that extends and raises aspirations to enable our children to become independent, forward thinking and confident learners. The report recognises that previous weaknesses that were compounded by the pandemic are being addressed and that *'subject leaders have made changes to the way that the curriculum is designed'* with *'the key information that pupils are expected to know and remember being set out clearly.'*

The inspection team identified that *'pupils behave well'* and that *'they are eager to learn and listen carefully to their teachers...which creates a calm and purposeful environment.'* We are extremely proud of our children, they conducted themselves exceptionally throughout the inspection, with groups of children impressing the inspection team as they took one of them on a tour around the school and told him about our school values

During the inspection, they also commented on the overwhelming positive feedback from parents, this was very apparent throughout the pandemic and it is wonderful to hear that our school community is on board with the improvements and changes made at Longford in recent times.

Inspectors also noted the positive impact upon the school since joining St Bart's Academy Trust, recognising that *'Governors and trust executives support leaders well. They have ensured leaders access useful training and that they collaborate with other professionals from within the trust.'*

Areas for improvement include:

- Leaders should continue improve the quality of education so that pupils understand and remember key curriculum information
- Leaders should continue to develop staff's understanding of how to teach the curriculum well
- Some pupils miss too much of their education. Leaders should continue to work with families to ensure that all pupils attend regularly.

Everyone at Longford Primary Academy is passionate about creating a great school that our pupils and the community so richly deserve. I am grateful to the staff, children and parents/carers who have supported us over these last few years. Your support, along with staff dedication and willingness to embrace change, are the foundations for the improvements we have achieved.

With your continued support, we look forward to our Academy continuing on its strong upward trajectory, as we work towards becoming an exceptional school. At Longford we are committed to helping all our children fulfil their potential and leaving us with the skills, knowledge and resilience they need to shape their own futures.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lawrence
Principal