



BURWELL VILLAGE COLLEGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attached is a copy of the OfSTED report.

We recognise that there is still a significant amount to achieve to put the school where we really want it to be, however, we are absolutely delighted that the team recognised that the changes we are making are having a positive impact on the achievement and attainment of all of our pupils. The report recognises the many strengths of the school including the quality of provision in the early years, the impact of leaders work on the curriculum, although in its early stages, the effectiveness of leadership and management including the new governing body, the provision for pupils with additional needs and the behaviour and personal development of the children.

Firstly, I would like to thank the staff who have supported, questioned and made possible the changes that we have put in place. They have demonstrated a willingness to take risks and to work incredibly hard to begin to realise a better future for the school. Those staff who have committed themselves to the school are demonstrating the qualities that it takes to make an outstanding teaching team. They are dedicated, understand what good teaching looks like and have high expectations for each and every child.

I recognise that we have to work hard as a school to regain the trust of parents because the school has been through such a period of turbulence and that in some ways there does not appear to be an end to this. Some parents, therefore, are concerned when they do not feel listened to or believe that the correct decision has not been made with regard to particular concerns raised. I also recognise that, for the vast majority of parents, the changes in the school represent a significant shift in the right direction. Hopefully, this report gives some reassurance to parents that we are the right team to bring about positive and impactful change.

We will be setting up a parent communication working party to address the issues raised by parents during the inspection. Over the next couple of weeks I would really like you to think about whether you have the skills, knowledge and time to be able to support the school by joining this group. This is not a parents' forum, it is not an extension of the Friends of Burwell School, nor is it an opportunity to complain about the current practices in the school. It is a chance to really affect the way the school communicates effectively with parents. Schools are run by good leaders, a key aspect of the success of this report, we need parents who are positive and committed to finding workable solutions to real issues to ensure that the next time OfSTED come through the school can be judged good overall.



Burwell Village College Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

I am absolutely committed to restoring the reputation of this school in its entirety. That means that we first need to make sure that the curriculum offer is right for our children; we are a significant way along this journey. We need to ensure that the quality of teaching and learning is improving; there is significant evidence that we have the right team in place and that all the staff are absolutely committed to continued improvement and engage positively with the opportunities given to them for development. We need to continue to restore the reputation of our parents as being supportive and positive amongst the staff, the LA and within their own community; the vast majority of parents are with us on this journey and it is now about ensuring that this positivity is shared and heard by all. Finally, recognising that the support from the LA is effective in supporting the continued improvement of the school as this has been questioned by many over the last few years; the LA advisers that have been part of the support this year have been effective in questioning, challenging and supporting the school and I have no doubt that this will continue.

Burwell is a very unique school. It has so much to offer its pupils and so much potential. If we work effectively together for the next few years we can truly develop an outstanding school that offers the best possible opportunities for pupils to succeed.

Regards,



Antony Kern
Headteacher



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Chair of Governors