



Eastway Primary School
Rossall Road
Moreton
Wirral
CH46 8TA

Headteacher: Mrs Emily Morris

☎: 0151 677 1235

✉: schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk

🌐: eastway-primary.eschools.co.uk

15th February 2019

Ofsted Feedback

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, we had our Section 5 Two Day Ofsted Inspection, 22nd- 23rd January, our report is now published, a copy of which is available on our school website for your reference.

Ofsted will also publish the full report and this letter highlights the key messages from that in **bold**. We hope that, although the overall judgement states we are a school that requires improvement, you will agree that there are many positives noted and it reflects our most recent improvements. We are aware that there is still work to be completed to ensure the school continues on the journey of rapid improvement but are confident that the school is being very well led and managed to secure a rise in standards. The report praises Mrs Morris for her successes so far in the short time she has been at the school and her **'strong capacity to continue the school's improvement'**. The report states that **'Under her strong and focused leadership, Eastway is on the road to recovery. The groundwork laid over the last 18 months is ensuring that teaching is improving and that the progress current pupils make is much stronger than it has been in the past'**.

We, as governors, support her and the rest of the leadership team wholeheartedly, and Ofsted recognised this and that we are all **'ambitious'** for the school. The inspectors appreciate that the governors of the school have **'an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses'** and celebrate the **'trust and confidence that staff have in the Headteacher'**. We will continue to work hard for the staff, families and children at Eastway and ensure that we continue to hold high aspirations for all our pupils. They recognised the improvements in attendance and that the **'reduction in fixed-term exclusions is testament to leaders' work to promote pupils' good behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.'**

The report goes on to celebrate the wonderful behaviour of the children, **'Pupils conduct themselves well in lessons and around the school. Disruption to learning is rare'** and **'The relationships between staff and pupils are excellent. This creates a warm and nurturing environment, which supports pupils' learning'**. This is something that we pride ourselves on as a school, children's personal development and welfare is paramount to all that we do and **'This creates a supportive and nurturing climate for all pupils.'**

We were so incredibly proud of the children during the inspection, their behaviour was, as always, exceptional and they spoke to the inspectors with confidence and a real passion for our school.

They recognised the improvements made in Teaching and Learning and the impact that new systems and staffing structures are having on our pupils. They saw, **'marked improvements in the quality of teaching across the school'**, that **'Teachers' expectations have been raised'** and **'Staff plan interesting topics to really interest pupils'**.

We are very proud of the work that Eastway does to support the most vulnerable children in school. Ofsted state in their report, **'In the resource base provision, pupils are supported by knowledgeable staff who understand their needs very well. Staff set a calm atmosphere which helps pupils to settle quickly and learning proceeds without interruption. Activities are matched to pupils' specific needs, who in turn focus well on their work. Pupils are happy, which enables them to integrate well into mainstream classes. The work in pupils' books shows a strong emphasis on developing pupils' life skills. The topics they study link well with developing their understanding of personal safety and the world around them.'** We recognise that there is now further work to be done to ensure that all of our SEN pupils across the school receive the same level of support.

We have seen a number of changes in our Early Years recently and the provision is rapidly improving. The inspectors noted that, **'Adults are nurturing and have good relationships with children...Children enjoy learning and participate well and are confident and express their opinions in structured activities. This is because staff model the use of language well.'** We thank parents and carers for their feedback to Ofsted and the report states that, **'Parents are positive about the provision in the early years. They have opportunities to talk to staff and attend workshops so they can support their children's learning at home. Parents feel their children are safe at school. Children show that they feel safe by exploring the activities that are on offer with confidence.'**

Whilst the Ofsted Team recognised that we have areas for improvement, these are being addressed as we continue our journey to further improve the school. We have a clear schedule of monitoring in place and a robust School Development Plan. As governors, we are confident that the school will continue to flourish under the strong leadership and with the dedicated, highly skilled and committed staff.

The school has worked hard to improve communication with parents, the systems for homework, the range of extra-curricular activities and introduced a new curriculum that interests children and inspectors say that **'pupils learn at an age-appropriate level across different subjects. The result has been a significant upturn in the progress made by pupils'**. During the inspection, parents spoke very highly of the school and we thank you for that; they state parents and carers **'hold a common view that there have been positive improvements at the school since the appointment of the new headteacher. Leaders have put in place parent representatives for each class, so that parents' views can directly inform leaders' actions to improve the school.'**

We hope that you will join us in celebrating our improvements and recognise the hard work that is being undertaken to strive for higher standards and drive change to ensure that all children progress well at Eastway. We are confident that when they return, and supported by your highly valued partnership, the school will be in a very good place.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Symonds
Chair of Governors