



18th December 2015

Dear Parents / Carers

As you are aware, in May, Ofsted judged Havercroft Academy to require improvement and on Friday 4th December we received our HMI monitoring visit to inspect the progress being made. I have included the outcomes of the inspection with this letter. The report will also be published on the Ofsted website on Monday 21st December and it will be posted on our school website.

The purpose of this inspection was to examine the progress being made towards Havercroft becoming a good school. The HMI Inspector spent the day observing teaching, scrutinising the children's work, speaking with children and staff, and meeting with myself and representatives from WCAT. I am pleased to inform you that the inspection was very successful and the HMI Inspector has stated that we are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement.

The findings included the following key points;

- high expectations are set for staff and pupils,
- a good strategic plan for improvement is in place, with deadlines for completing actions and challenging targets,
- learning is more exciting and engaging for pupils,
- pupils demonstrate high levels of enthusiasm and application to the tasks in hand,
- a consistent approach to behaviour management is in place, with an innovative approach to making long-lasting improvements to pupils' behaviour.

The points identified for us to develop further were already embedded within our school development plan and are already showing signs of improvement.

- Ensure all lessons provide the appropriate level of challenge.
- Improve spelling, and the application of basic skills, across all areas of the curriculum.

I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff for their continued dedication and commitment. They have worked tirelessly this term and they deserve the recognition that this report gives to their efforts.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to see so many parents & family members in school over the last term.

May I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

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