

6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Elstow Ofsted formal notification

I am delighted to share with you the final Ofsted report from our inspection on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January. It has taken a little time as Ofsted ensure that the reports are quality assured before publication.

We had total confidence that we are planning and teaching excellent lessons, with a challenging and well-sequenced curriculum at its heart. We were also certain that children at Elstow are happy at school and feel safe. I hope you will join us in reading the Ofsted report with pleasure, as it clearly highlights the consistent and tireless work that everyone associated with the school has and will continue to put in to the education of our children.

The glowing report highlights how good this school is in a number of key areas including:

- “Pupils learn about keeping themselves safe through the well-organised curriculum for pupils’ personal, social, emotional and health development. Older pupils have a good understanding of using mobile phones safely and well.”
- The school has a strong culture of safeguarding with adults “well trained to spot potential safeguarding concerns. Leaders keep careful records of these concerns, and when necessary work effectively with other professionals. They make sure that pupils’ safety and welfare are at the centre of their actions.”
- Teachers “spot when pupils need additional help and provide them with effective support. Teachers adapt the learning well for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).”
- “The chief executive officer (CEO), governors and members of the trust board have an accurate view of the strengths and areas for ongoing improvement. They provide leaders with the necessary challenge and support so that the school continues to improve.”
- “Staff are proud to work at the school and appreciate leaders’ consideration of their workload.”

I would like to add my personal thanks to all the parents and the governors who have supported the school, and have challenged us where necessary to continue to improve. I can assure you that we are determined to build on this report and go from strength to strength. If you have any further comments please do email at [sbaxter@elstowschool.co.uk](mailto:sbaxter@elstowschool.co.uk) or call the office to make an appointment.

With best regards,



Samantha Baxter