

Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School

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Reach for the Stars

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are probably aware, at the end of last term, on 16th of July 2018, Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School was inspected by Ofsted. This was part of the monitoring inspection visit that occurs as normal practice for a school that "Requires Improvement".

I have attached a copy of this recent Ofsted monitoring inspection visit report.

The report highlights a lot of quite positive changes that have been introduced at the school, but we recognise that there is still work to do, especially with the lower Key Stage progress.

I am pleased to have recognition for the work done to secure improvements in methods of assessment, attainment and Governance. The senior teacher has worked hard to introduce some effective monitoring and evaluation systems and this is showing some useful strengths. The introduction of a single approach to the teaching of handwriting, for example, is showing rapid improvement in the upper year groups. English, Science and Mathematics generally shows more challenge, but we do note that some expectations need to be higher.

I am happy that your children feel that Cheswardine is a safe place and they are not worried about bullying – something that is taken very seriously. The work with the foreign school in Germany has also been applauded and I would personally like to thank those staff that have worked tirelessly for the children to make this a success.

On behalf of the Leaders and Governors, I would like to thank everyone involved with the school. We are striving to get to a position where our community school is not just recognised as Good, but a *Great place to learn*.

I would like to thank you for your feedback and trust that you continue to support your teachers in their roll of providing effective education for your children. Parental and Carer support at home is a valuable tool to your child's success and I would like to thank all of you that help in that process.

If you have any queries then I would ask that you make an appointment through the school secretary, who will arrange meeting the appropriate person to answer them.

Yours sincerely

Otto Blank

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Chair of Governors