

# Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School

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*Reach for the Stars*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Please find enclosed a copy of the latest Ofsted report following the inspection in September. It is very pleasing to read such positive things about our school and we are very happy with the conclusions the inspectors came to after spending two days in school. It is testament to the skills of the inspectors that they were able, in a relatively short time, to recognise the many things that we are so proud of here at Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School and to sum up our school so succinctly.

It would be an entirely reasonable question to ask why we are so pleased when the overall judgement still remains "requires improvement". The answer to that is - from September a new Ofsted framework was put into place that has moved the goalposts considerably, with the intention of making it far harder to gain the top grades. As a governing body, we feel that this is entirely the right thing to do. Schools need to be challenged and it is quite right that the standards demanded from us are as high as they can be.

However, the new framework has an increased focus on the foundation subjects in the curriculum and we were found wanting in these areas due to new staff taking on the subjects from September and plans not being fully structured and transparent as yet, the intent is clear but the progression and monitoring of each subject is being developed. The lead inspector pointed out so many positives, particularly in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, which were not found wanting in anyway, and it is our intention to continue to drive improvements so that our school continues to offer the very best education for the children in our care. We are eager and keen to meet the challenges ahead and will do everything in our power to continue to improve.

On behalf of the Governors, we would like to thank all parents/carers for your support. Without that partnership, the children would not flourish as they do.

Yours sincerely

Claire Denny  
Chair of Governors

Rachael Williams  
Interim Acting Head Teacher

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