## Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School

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"Working with the Community – Striving for Success"

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Dear Parent/Carer

On May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School was inspected by Ofsted.

I have attached a copy of this recent Ofsted Inspection report.

There are five areas within the inspection framework;

- Effectiveness of leadership and management.
- Quality of teaching, learning and assessment.
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare.
- Outcomes for pupils.
- Early Years provision.

We have been assessed as Requiring Improvement in three areas and Good in two. This means that our overall effectiveness has been judged to "Require Improvement" and the report provides more detail.

Many of the areas that require improvement are already being addressed and we have recently introduced systems to aid monitoring and assessment of Pupil's Progress in order that we can target individuals specifically. The Governors have had some major changes since the last Ofsted Inspection, both with personnel and with our administration systems to hold leaders to account more rigorously. We are always looking for new governors and do have one position available currently, to help with our work in this task.

This is the same grade that we achieved following the previous inspection in 2015. The Inspector was impressed with your children's behaviour and attendance. He recognised that early reading skills and phonics are taught well. He noted that the school was a safe place to be and a large majority of parents, staff and pupils have a positive view of the school. The systems that the Head, Governors and teaching staff have introduced were given positive encouragement - and real benefits and results were already being seen and I hope that you will be pleased and encouraged that Ofsted have recognised that the school is making progress.

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to thank everyone involved in the running of the school, including all that is done for the children away from the classrooms. We have a small but dedicated team of staff who work hard throughout the year and we are striving to provide the best that we can for our community school.

Parental and carer support at home is a key issue to your child's school performance and I would like to thank all of you that help us in that process. I can assure you that we are committed to moving the school forward to further improve Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School, in order that we can offer the best possible education for your children.

If you have any queries then I would ask that you make an appointment with the school secretary to see me at a mutually convenient time, where I will do my best to answer them.

Yours sincerely

Otto Blank

Otto Blank Chair of Governors On behalf of the Governing Body

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