



MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL  
Main Road, Marchwood, Southampton SO40 4ZH

24<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents

Please find attached the letter from our Ofsted inspector following our inspection on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Our last inspection was in July 2014 when Ofsted evaluated us to be a 'good' school. A new Ofsted handbook was published on the 21st Dec 2017 which included changes to the outcomes of a short inspection of a 'good' school. The possible outcomes from a short inspection of a good school are now the following four options:

**Outcome 1:** The school continues to be a good school.

**Outcome 2:** The school remains good and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school may be judged outstanding if it received a section 5 inspection now.

**Outcome 3:** The lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would receive at least its current grade if a section 5 inspection were carried out now.

**Outcome 4:** The lead inspector has gathered evidence that suggests the school may be inadequate in one or more of the graded judgements.

We are delighted that that we have achieved **outcome 2** with the report highlighting strong practice in certain areas. This is the highest outcome we could have achieved! It really is an incredible report. Strengths highlighted include:

- *Pupils speak proudly of being part of 'the Marchwood family' and they value participating in the numerous sporting and cultural activities that you provide.*
- *Most pupils, including those who have SEN, achieve very well across the whole curriculum.*
- *Pupils are exceptionally well behaved in lessons and around the school.*
- *Pupils work diligently, editing and improving their work to ensure that it is of high quality.*
- *Leaders have ensured the curriculum is vibrant and interesting. It promotes pupils' continued spiritual, moral, social and cultural development exceptionally well.*

We are very clear about our priority for improvement identified in the report. The inspector was pleased with the effective action we had taken already to address our teaching of reading to accelerate our children's progress. Thank you for taking the time to respond on Parentview or for speaking to the inspector or for writing letters. We really appreciate you taking the time to support us.

We were the first school in the county to be inspected under this new handbook and are very proud of the outcome. We are thrilled the strong progress our children make in reading, writing and maths because of our brilliant teaching. We are also pleased with the exciting curriculum that we have designed to make learning enjoyable and purposeful for our children. Two other important strengths of our school are the positive relationships between everyone in the Marchwood family and also the range of extra curricular opportunities that our children enjoy. But, we are not complacent and are keen to further build on our strengths. We will continue to refine our provision to provide the very best education and will share with you refinements and improvements we will continue to make for the benefit of all our children.

We are grateful for a team of staff that work exceptionally well together. They frequently go above and beyond what we can reasonably expect to provide so many extras for our children. We are very, very lucky to have such a hard working, committed and positive team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dan Hoskins  
Deputy Head

Laurie Anderson  
Headteacher

Dan Tasker  
Chair of Governors