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All Parents/Carers

Subject: Ofsted

Message:

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be able to share with you the **letter we have received from Ofsted** following our short inspection on 10th January. It is being released on the Ofsted website today. I have also attached a **presentation** I am currently giving to staff which quotes directly from the Ofsted letter. I thought parents might appreciate this as an alternative, quicker read!

The letter, addressed to me, is not a report. It summarises their findings from the one day 'health check' visit and therefore cannot change the current judgement of being a 'good' school. However, it is a **very positive read** which does, I believe, capture the essence of Sackville well.

Highlights include powerful statements such as:-

"Students make strong progress across all subjects"

"Students are well mannered, good humoured and very welcoming, They are loyal to, and proud of, their school."

"There is a tangible sense of purpose and commitment to every student having a successful and happy experience of education"

"(The school has) continued to develop and strengthen senior and middle leadership"

"Teachers go above and beyond on a regular basis"

"(The school has) created an ethos that allows every child to be valued"

These are just a few examples of a multitude of strongly positive comments throughout the letter.

Ofsted has asked us to continue working hard with those students in receipt of free school meals (referred to as *pupil premium* by Sackville and *disadvantaged* by Ofsted) in

trying to **narrow the gap** between their progress and attendance and that of all students. We are at the national average, and above the West Sussex average, in this respect but nevertheless we are determined to keep using the strategies which they rightly praise to bring about further improvement. They commended our revised **personal, social and health** education programme in the lower years and this will be further embedded in the higher years. Finally, they asked us to take care over consistency in marking with regards to **literacy**.

No subjects were considered worthy of an action point which is fantastic; a real tribute to our **results** which feature very proudly in the **national school performance tables** published last week.

Once again, thank you so much for your positive feedback during the inspection which meant a huge amount to us. You will see a **summary of the survey results in my presentation**.

A huge well done to the whole community!

Best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher