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Dear Parent/Carers,

Please find the report from Ofsted following the two-day inspection which took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. Firstly, please accept our apologies for the delay in getting this report out to you. The delay was due to school raising some questions over the inspection process.

I am now happy to share the key outcomes from our most recent Ofsted inspection. We at, The Dassett, are so proud of each and every one of our children, and our staff, who remain hugely committed. Thank you for your engagement in the inspection process too - your views and feedback continue to be important to us.

Ofsted recognised our many improvements made since the last inspection in 2022. We continue to evaluate teaching and learning at The Dassett. The priorities set out in 2022 have shaped our School Improvement Plan which can be found on the school website. We are continuing to work on these priorities. The latest findings will inform our priorities moving forward and we will adapt our School Improvement Plan accordingly.

### **Our Curriculum**

During the 2-day inspection, Ofsted looked more closely at early reading, maths, science and PSHE (personal, social, health education). They met with the relevant subject leaders.

Ofsted stated, "In some subjects, the school has not defined the precise knowledge pupils will learn". Our Subject leaders have been given appropriate training so that they can better support teachers. This training will be ongoing throughout the coming year and beyond. Subject leaders will be helping other teachers to plan and deliver lessons which are adapted and pitched to the needs of the class. They will also disseminate best practice from their own training so that teachers' subject knowledge and practice improves. We are in the process of looking carefully at sequences of lessons so that pupils build on prior learning. Curriculum development will be further supported by Warwickshire's School Effectiveness Team, who will fund specialist support as we continue to ensure our curriculum is clearly implemented for all year groups, across all subjects.

### **Phonics**

It was pleasing to see Ofsted recognised that, "the recent focus on reading is leading to improvements in pupils' outcomes". We now ensure that all children who are working through our phonics programme have a decodable Rhino Reader, as well as another book to read at home for pleasure or with family members. We value your continued support when reading decodable books at home, particularly in Key Stage 1. We have already given further training to staff, this academic year, around how to deliver phonics sessions effectively. Further training is planned with our phonics scheme provider, Twinkl Phonics. We also intend on supplementing our book stock this year to ensure accurate book choices are made.

### **Maths**

In September, we introduced some new resources aimed at training teachers to effectively deliver their maths lessons. First 4 Maths will help teachers to ensure that basic skills are embedded through a very practical approach. This work is becoming more embedded during this second term and we will continue to adapt to changes in the curriculum. We are purchasing new concrete maths resources for classrooms to help with this.

## **Science**

Last year, we attained the Primary Science Quality Mark which recognised our commitment to excellent science teaching. Our new, highly qualified science lead, has already implemented an exciting science week for children. Teachers have received training to develop their subject knowledge. This training will continue throughout this year.

## **Behaviour & Attitudes**

Here at The Dassett, we have high expectations of our pupils' behaviour. However, it was noted during the inspection that we have "not made sure that all staff share *our* high expectations or apply these expectations consistently." We would like parents to know that we have recently developed a Staff Handbook that all staff should follow. Our Behaviour Policy has been made more specific and we have reiterated the policy and our expectations to pupils. We have reinstated our Thinking Room so that pupils who are finding it hard to follow the rules can have time to reset. Staff have worked together to share best practice regarding the structure and content of a good lesson so that low level distracting behaviour is avoided. We have further work to do on this and we welcome your ongoing support regarding pupils' behaviour. This will help to build consistency across school and home. It was recognised that behaviour on the whole was good, especially around school, including the dinner hall and playgrounds.

## **Personal Development**

We are pleased to note that Ofsted Inspectors agreed that pupils are happy in school and relationships are positive. "Pupils trust the adults in school. They know that they can share any concerns, and they will be dealt with". We are happy that Dassett pupils show a "tolerance and acceptance of all". We have worked hard to reinforce our REACH values. Inspectors recognised that we provide many varied opportunities for children to develop outside of their academic lessons. They were very complimentary about our PSHE work which continues to develop through Jigsaw, which was introduced in 2024.

## **SEND & Inclusion**

We are delighted to see that the progress we have made in supporting our children with SEND has been recognised. "Pupils with special education needs and/or disabilities are well supported and achieve will here". We work closely with relevant agencies to ensure that plans for pupils with Special Educational Needs have all the relevant information so that teachers can adapt their teaching. This year, we have had training for teachers around improving universal provision for all and adapting to the needs of children with autism through the AET (Autism Education Trust). We will continue to develop teacher knowledge in this area in the future.

## **What the Leadership team will do now.**

School staff, the leadership team and governors are determined to continue to drive improvements at The Dassett.

We have highlighted above the plans we have for the future development of Quality of Education and Behaviour and Attitudes. We want to keep you informed as things change. One of our priorities is to maintain good communication by keeping our website up to date; sharing our weekly newsletter via email and on the website and keeping our doors open. To that end, if you have any ideas for the newsletter and school communication please let us know.

If you would like to meet with the senior Leadership team, to discuss any of the above please arrange to meet with us at your convenience. We are happy for that to be in person or online.

We have already met with the Warwickshire School Effectiveness Team to develop a plan for improvement in order to address the priorities highlighted by the current Ofsted. We would value feedback from parents and if we haven't addressed any points from the Ofsted report here, please highlight them to us.



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