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**“will enable children to reach their full potential”**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Ofsted Inspection Outcome – Celebrating a Strong 'Good' Judgement**

Following our recent Ofsted inspection on 13th and 14th May 2025, I am pleased to share the outcome with you. Fulwell Infant School Academy has been judged **‘Good’ in all areas**: the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management, and early years provision.

As you may know, our last inspection was over a decade ago, when we were judged to be ‘Outstanding’. Since then, Ofsted’s inspection framework has changed significantly. Under the current, much more rigorous system introduced in 2019 and further strengthened in 2024, it is considerably more challenging for schools to achieve the highest grades. We are proud that the inspection team recognised the continued strength, ambition and care that define Fulwell Infant School, and we celebrate this strong outcome.

The report highlights many aspects of our work that we, as a school community, are extremely proud of:

* **Early Years Excellence**: Children make an exceptional start in Nursery, where communication, language and social development are nurtured through rich experiences, including stories, songs and meaningful conversation. This strong foundation continues in **Reception**, where early reading and mathematics are particular strengths. Inspectors commented on how well our Reception children learn to read, supported by well-trained staff who deliver high-quality phonics teaching. In mathematics, children develop a secure understanding of number through engaging and carefully structured learning experiences.
* **Inclusive and High-Quality Support**: Provision for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) was described as a *significant strength*. Staff know pupils well, provide high-quality support, and help all children overcome barriers to learning and thrive.
* **A Broad, Ambitious Curriculum**: Across the school, pupils enjoy a wide range of subjects and achieve well. The report notes our improvements in subjects like mathematics, where pupils are becoming confident and capable problem-solvers.
* **Positive Behaviour and Relationships**: Children behave well, enjoy coming to school, and benefit from a safe, nurturing environment. Pupils are respectful, confident and eager to take on roles of responsibility, such as behaviour champions and line monitors.
* **Strong Parental Partnerships**: The report acknowledges the warm, supportive relationships we maintain with our families. Parents spoke highly of the school’s communication and the care their children receive.

As with any good school, we remain committed to ongoing improvement. Ofsted recommended that we continue to refine some aspects of our wider curriculum and ensure that pupils who need extra support with reading are helped to develop fluency more quickly. These priorities are already reflected in our school development plan.

We are very proud of this report and of the daily work that goes into making Fulwell a happy, inclusive and successful school. I want to thank our dedicated staff, our enthusiastic children, and you—our parents and carers—for your continued support.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

Best wishes



Mrs Wendy Angus

Head teacher