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"Amaze and Achieve"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school was inspected on the 2nd and 3rd May 2018. The final version of the report has just been received by the school and is now available to download from the school's website.

Many positives were recognised over the two days of the inspection including:-

- The behaviour of pupils, personal development, behaviour and welfare are good. Pupils behave well in lessons and around the school.
- Provision and teaching are good in Early Years and it is well led and managed. Children make good progress as activities are well planned. The teaching of phonics is good and Pupils in Year 1 have good reading skills.
- Pupils have a good understanding of the dangers of different types of bullying and how to stay safe. They say they feel happy and safe. Pupils are proud of their school, saying it is fun, educational and great. Pupils feel valued and equality of opportunity is clearly written into the culture of the school.
- Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a strong feature of the school and pupils value and respect everyone regardless of race, ethnicity or belief.
- Observations with the headteacher show that her judgements are accurate and she has accurately identified areas for further development.
- Staff show great commitment to tackling the issues identified by the headteacher.
- The curriculum is well planned, broad and balanced. Leaders have ensured that it is closely linked to pupils' interests.
- Parents are pleased with the school.
- The schools breakfast club and after school club are well led and managed and provide a safe and nurturing environment that supports pupils' social development.

Despite these positive comments the overall judgement is that the school requires improvements.

- Teaching over time has not been good enough. Pupils in Y3 – 6 don't make enough progress from their starting points. Often the challenge for more able pupils is not high enough.
- Pupils do not have enough opportunities in maths to apply their mathematical knowledge in reasoning.

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- Pupils' attendance is lower than the national average. The impact that extended holidays have had on attendance is noticeable. The leaders of the school have worked hard at reducing absence and there are signs that attendance is improving.
- Disadvantaged pupils were not supported effectively last year, consequently they did not make rapid progress. However support for current disadvantaged pupils is improving their achievement.
- The Governing body has changed significantly since the last inspection. Governor challenge to leaders has not been sharp enough.

The school have reflected on these findings and have already put in place actions to address the issues. There has been an improvement this year in KS1 and EYFS results. We expect that KS2 results will also improve.

The Governing Body, the school staff and the local authority are absolutely committed to ensuring that Oakridge School provides a good and improving education for all our pupils and we know this will be recognised in our next inspection which will take place in about 30 months time.

The detailed report can be found on our website or by visiting the Ofsted Website.

Yours faithfully,

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Chair of Governors