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Executive Headteacher - Mrs P Atwal

Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, Richardson Endowed Primary School was inspected by Ofsted on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th June 2025.

I am delighted to attach the inspection report for your information. This graded inspection has categorised the school as 'good' in all areas: Quality of Education, Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes, Early Years provision and Leadership and Management. This result is testament to the exceptional hard work of the staff team and of your children.

The inspection focused on 'deep dives' into reading, maths, geography and art and looked in detail at writing, PSHE and extra-curricular provision. The report describes our teachers as having strong subject knowledge leading to secure, retained learning. The curriculum at this school is well-sequenced and well-taught. Since the last inspection, the school has completely re-designed the curriculum and we are very proud that this has been documented as a strength.

The school is also recognised as having an inclusive culture underpinned by a strong shared vision to provide high quality education for pupils. Inspectors stress in the report that the school quickly and accurately identifies when pupils have special education needs and disabilities and that, 'Expert staff make sure that these pupils have the support and resources they need to work independently and be successful.' This was one of the key areas for improvement from the last inspection two years ago and we are pleased that our efforts are continuing to lead to positive experiences for our pupils.

The report highlights, 'All through the school, pupils display positive attitudes to learning. They work purposefully and produce work of good quality.' It is great to see that the excellent learning behaviours of our children have been recognised, and that the school's policies for dealing with behaviour that does not meet our high expectations are effective.

There is just one area for improvement identified by the inspection team, which is about ensuring that the staff always provide sufficient opportunities across the curriculum to stretch pupils' thinking to deepen understanding. As you would expect, we have already started working on this and have planned further CPD for the team to put this into place more securely. I feel confident that this is an adaptation to our already strong practice that we can easily demonstrate.

I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school; the education of our children is always a partnership enterprise between yourselves and school. I feel privileged to lead this school, and your exceptional children, and I look forward to continuing this next year.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the report.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs P Atwal

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