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Ofsted Report – October 2024

Stoke Prior is a school at the heart of its community. It is a place where everyone is made to feel 'part of the family'

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you, the report from Ofsted following their visit to our school in October. The Section 5 Inspection took place over two days and the report can be found through this link:

[**You can find the report here**](#)

We are pleased to inform you that we received 'Good' ratings in all sections of the framework, with outcomes and actions aligning completely with the school's own evaluations and development plans.

You will be aware that the previous school Ofsted judgment in 2013 was 'Outstanding'. At that time the inspection framework, criteria and focus were very different from the current framework: a great deal has changed in 11 years. The robust inspection in October provided a small number of recommendations, and progress towards these had already begun before the inspection itself, which was recognised by the lead inspector (HMI). Leaders and governors are proud of our inspection judgements and the recognition received through this report.

A new leadership team, with the support of governors, has worked at pace to develop many aspects of the school's work. They have worked effectively with their team to improve the school's curriculum.

I encourage you to read the wording of the report, which provides a positive and accurate picture of our school. We are particularly proud of the recognition for the personal development opportunities that we offer our pupils, rooted in our schools' values, demonstrated through the behaviour and attitudes of our children on both days of the inspection.

Pupils welcome visitors by holding doors open and offering a smile. They are eager to share positive views of their school. They feel happy and safe because of the caring relationships they form with each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff in our school, as well as governors, for their continued commitment and hard work, which makes a difference every single day and ensures our children ***'feel confident that adults will be there to support them should they have worries.'***

During the inspection, and also within the report, the lead HMI commented upon the positive responses from parents, both through the Parent View survey and those made to the inspectors: ***'Parents and carers are highly supportive of the school.'*** – thank you. I reassure you that we will continue to work hard to provide the best possible education for your children and we look forward to your continued support as we grow and develop.

Best wishes,

Alison Paisley

Mrs Alison Paisley, Headteacher

