



**Headteacher: Mrs K Partington**

Tuesday 17 December 2019

Dear parents / carers,

Re: Ofsted Inspection

I am absolutely delighted to be able to inform you of a very successful outcome from our recent Ofsted Inspection.

**Ofsted has judged our school to be 'Good' in all areas, and was incredibly complimentary about the high quality of provision on offer.**

We are particularly pleased because in September, Ofsted launched a new Inspection Framework, which is much more challenging and includes, what are referred to, as 'deep dives' into a wide range of areas. This inspection regime is now much tougher than anything the school will have experienced previously. Inspectors spoke to a wide range of staff, children, parents and governors and were very impressed with what they saw.

Here are just a few of the comments within our inspection report:

- *Southdale is an exciting place to learn. The 'Southdale Sparkle' is everywhere. This is a school where staff are determined to give every child the best start in life. Staff know every child well. Pupils feel safe and happy.*
- *Pupils behave well in and around school. Poor behaviour is rare. Pupils say that bullying is not common.*
- *The quality of education has improved since the last inspection.*

As you are aware, Southdale has been on a rapid journey of improvement and I am so incredibly proud of the entire Southdale family for all the hard work, energy and commitment, culminating in a very successful inspection. Our children are so lucky to have such a talented and dedicated team of staff, which was very much recognised by the Ofsted team. Our children also shone throughout the inspection as they do every single day.

Whilst we have celebrated fantastic SATs results and had such a positive Ofsted report, the journey does not end here. Myself and all our staff, are determined that Southdale School continues to go from strength to strength!

Thank you for all your support and trust at home, as none of this would have been possible without you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K. Partington  
Headteacher