



## HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

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### **Progress since our last OFSTED inspection**

It has been a while since our last OFSTED inspection, and I thought I would update you on some of the wonderful things that have been happening in our school. I am so proud of how well our school community has responded to the focus areas identified by OFSTED.

Our phonics results have always been strong, but OFSTED asked us to focus more precisely on the early steps and to make full use of the breadth of the Read, Write Inc. scheme. Since then, all classroom staff have completed two full days of extremely thorough training delivered by Read, Write Inc. trainers. All staff have full access to the Read, Write Inc. portal, and we are expecting our second full-day visit from our trainer, who will work directly alongside staff as they deliver lessons. In addition, we are supported by the English Hub, who carry out termly visits. Anyone visiting the school first thing in the morning will see every available space being used for the consistent delivery of phonics groups. Thank you to all the staff for embracing this so positively and in particular to Miss Bovington, who has led the subject and coached staff brilliantly.

Writing across the school has also been a key focus. We work closely with Bucks and have reviewed our writing planning following training from them. We now have clear expectation posters displayed around the school, and following our previous focus on handwriting, this term we will be celebrating fantastic writing across all year groups. Each class teacher will choose one child to be acknowledged in Celebration Assembly this term. Their work will be displayed outside my room, and they will receive a special certificate in Monday's assembly.

We also have a clear focus on adaptive teaching and have received training from both Herts and Bucks. Staff plan carefully to meet the needs of all children, and we are delighted with the progress every single child has made. This was reflected in last year's SATs results, which were fantastic, especially in reading (88%), which was above the national average.

We do not know when OFSTED will next visit, but we do know that the framework has been completely overhauled since our last inspection. We look forward to showing inspectors the steps we have taken to improve the areas identified and how our school has continued to grow. In the meantime, we continue to have our usual termly visits from Bucks, one of which took place this week. Our Bucks partner was very impressed as we walked around the school, commenting on the high-quality work in books, the helpful displays in classrooms, and the focus and engagement of the children.

A school to be proud of!

Kind regards

Rosie Phillips  
Headteacher