

# GILLESPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## RE: Publication of Ofsted report of inspection 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Today we are delighted to share the formal published report of our recent Ofsted inspection. Gillespie School achieved an OUTSTANDING outcome for overall effectiveness. The team judged that all five areas, which include quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, early years provision and leadership and management to be outstanding!

A key part of the inspection was a detailed inspection of four subject areas – mathematics, early reading, science and music. The team observed teachers and teaching assistants teaching all of these areas, interviewed subject leaders and interviewed many pupils. They concluded that we 'have developed an extremely ambitious curriculum for all pupils in the school'.

I am very proud of Gillespie pupils, our committed and hard-working staff, governors and our parent community who have all contributed to ensuring that this school can provide the best possible education for our children.

This external validation of the quality of education provided by the school is a source of great pride to Gillespie staff but just like in 2011 when we last were assessed as being outstanding we also take this as an enormous responsibility and motivation to continue to do the very best we can to improve our school in partnership with our community. I want to thank every single member of staff and governors who go above and beyond the call of duty to keep this small community school a vibrant and an exciting place for pupils to learn and adults to work. I also want to thank our parent community, particularly those who actively work hard to help us increase the capacity of our school to provide so much of the additional opportunities we are able to offer our children as part of their educational experience – we could not do this without you!

The full report can be found on the website and [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher



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