



29th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that the **Quality Assurance Review (QAR)** which was undertaken by the **Challenge Partners** organisation last week from **Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th January** was very successful.

As you may know, we have not had an Ofsted inspection since March 2016. As an outward facing school, who continually strives for excellence, we joined Challenge Partners. This partnership provides opportunities to focus on areas of improvement and to celebrate the strengths of our amazing school and staff team.

We welcomed four reviewers, a lead reviewer who is an Ofsted trained lead inspector, two headteachers from other parts of the country and one senior leader from a neighbouring local authority. They looked at the strengths and areas for development of teaching and learning across the school, how well our pupils progress and how successful school improvement initiatives have been.

The estimate of judgements were as follows:
School Improvement Strategies: **'Outstanding'**
Pupil Outcomes/Achievement: **'Outstanding'**
Quality of Teaching: **'Outstanding'**
Overall effectiveness including EYFS: **'Outstanding'**

A sample group of pupils from years 2 – 6 were interviewed to give a pupil point of view. The reviewers were highly complimentary about the way our pupils spoke and described them as articulate and passionate about learning.

Thank you as ever for all your support and I look forward to sharing the full report with you in the coming weeks!

Yours sincerely,

Karen Giles
Headteacher

