



10th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, on the 20th and 21st of February, OFSTED conducted a two-day inspection at our school. During the inspection, the inspectors completed a number of lesson visits, observed conduct on the playground, looked at pupils' workbooks, had discussions with our pupils and teachers and completed deep dives into a range of curriculum subjects. They also met with Senior and Middle Leaders, members of the governing body, spoke with parents and reviewed documentation provided by the school. As expected, the inspection was thoroughly completed for OFSTED to reach their final judgement.

There is a 4-point grading scale used for inspection judgements, these being:

Grade 1: Outstanding	An Outstanding school will receive Grade 1 for most if not all inspection categories, meaning they provide the highest quality education and care for their children.
Grade 2: Good	Good schools will provide for all their pupils' educational needs and prepare them well for the next stage in their lives.
Grade 3: Requires improvement	These schools still provide an acceptable quality of education and care for children but will have areas where they could improve.
Grade 4: Inadequate	This means the school is failing to provide an acceptable quality of education and care for children and will need to make significant improvements immediately.

Prior to the inspection, Bushbury Lane Academy was rated 'Requires improvement' by Ofsted and has been rated this way for over 13 years. This was something that when Mrs Sleight and I joined the school in 2019, we were determined to change for our children, staff and community. Our children deserve only the best education and our whole team work tirelessly to ensure that this happens. We have put our heart and soul into your children and this school and there has been vast improvements made since the last inspection.

With that being said, we are so delighted to inform you that Bushbury Lane Academy is now rated as 'Outstanding' in every area and for its overall effectiveness as a school. We have been on such an incredible journey together, consistently striving for excellence and I am so proud of what we have all achieved. There are only 9 outstanding primary schools in Wolverhampton out of 87 and we can confidently say we are now one of them!

First and foremost, I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful children. They inspire us every day with their attitude and love for learning and the way in which they treat each other with kindness and respect. I hope that when they put on their purple uniforms each morning, they can stand tall knowing that they attend a truly exceptional school. Secondly, to our hardworking and dedicated staff team, thank you from the bottom of my heart for always going above and beyond for the pupils in this school. Thank you for being on board with every decision and every change that has been implemented. Without you, none of this would be possible! Finally, thank you to you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support. I joined this school at a turbulent time after many changes in the leadership team had occurred, thank you for sticking with me and with Bushbury. Your children are a huge credit to you!

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The OFSTED report is undoubtedly positive as you will read with some wonderful comments included such as, 'Pupils love being part of this inclusive and caring school' and 'Pupils' engagement and outcomes are exceptional.' The most important focus for me though, is that we maintain our unwavering commitment to the highest quality of education, care and opportunity for every child at Bushbury Lane Academy. You have my word that we will never become complacent, will relentlessly focus on improvement, learn from our mistakes and develop as we grow, and that we will continue to have the highest expectations and ambition for every child at this school.

Yours faithfully

Miss L Smith
Head Teacher