



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Dear Parents,

As you will know, in March 2012 Ofsted carried out a full inspection of the School. The Inspection Report has now been published and is enclosed with this letter. It will also be available to read on our website at <http://www.cliffordroadprimaryschool/ofsted>. or <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report> in the next few days. There is also a letter written by the Ofsted Lead Inspector to pupils.

Ofsted currently judge the School to be in Special Measures. However, I am pleased that the following strengths have been recognised:

- Attainment in mathematics by the end of Year 6 has improved over the last three years.
- There are examples of good/outstanding teaching.
- Parents and carers feel that their children make good or very good progress at school and feel that teaching is good – we had an extremely high number of parent questionnaires completed which was excellent.
- Early skills in mathematics are particularly strong.
- The school has a caring and supportive ethos and show respect and consideration for each other.
- There are good arrangements in place for safeguarding students.

The school needs to undertake the following to improve further

1. Raise attainment and ensure all pupils make at least the expected progress in English.
2. Improve the quality of teaching and learning so that teaching is good or better and eliminate inadequate teaching.
3. Improve the effectiveness of leaders and managers at all levels.

We feel from the report that the school has the capacity to quickly tackle these priorities and our recovery plan aims for the school to leave the category of special measures within 18 months. The school will benefit from regular visits from the Local Authority and HMI to ensure we meet these targets. All staff and governors have high expectations and share a commitment to ensuring the School moves forward as soon as possible.

We have already started to act on improving the key points and have introduced new planning guidelines from the start of the Summer term. We are in the process of completing a full action plan and will keep you informed through our newsletters and the website of the progress we are making.

I hope all parents will read the Report in full. There will be a parent meeting at School on Thursday 3 May 2012 at 7.00 p.m. This will give you the opportunity to ask questions about the report and for representatives from the County Council to attend. They will explain OFSTED's new inspection framework and what happens now.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Julie Dyer

Chair of Governors