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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well.

I wanted to get in touch to update you on the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 30th November and 1st December 2021.

The full report will be available to you on the Ofsted and School websites, but I wanted to get in touch first to outline the outcome of the report and offer some additional context as we work together to continue to make improvements as a School.

Although we received an overall rating of 'Requires Improvement', we were pleased the report identified Knaphill Lower School as a place where pupils feel "proud and happy" to be. With that being said, I want to offer my reassurance that we are taking the outcome extremely seriously, and we are working hard to urgently address any concerns raised by inspectors.

While the report has underlined some areas for development, we were pleased Ofsted also noted and praised elements of our key aspects of our provision, particularly the fact that it's an environment where "leaders want the best for all pupils". Other highlights include that:

- Leaders and staff carefully consider pupils' wider development, and the School received a 'Good' in Personal Development.
- Pupils are encouraged to care for others and think about those less fortunate than themselves, and they organise and run activities to raise funds for several charities. Inspectors also noted how pupils are kind and polite to others.
- Pupils learn about different faiths, religions and cultures, and inspectors described them as being "well prepared for life in modern Britain."
- Leaders know what improvements are needed to the curriculum to help pupils to flourish and succeed.
- Pupils are enthusiastic about the extra-curricular opportunities they experience and enjoy school trips and after school clubs like multi sports, drama, and French.

As a School, we had already recognised that there are areas for improvement, and we are working hard to strengthen those elements. The Ofsted inspection framework changed in September 2019, with a particular focus on curriculum, and following two unusual and unforeseen school years, due to Covid-19, it is now our priority to adapt delivery to meet these latest standards. Inspectors did note that the leadership is driving key improvements and that leaders and staff are making positive use of the resources and expertise available, and we intend to keep building on this.



As part of the work that is already underway, we are making strides to improve staff training and allocate greater investment in teaching and learning resources. To date, this has included professional development opportunities for staff in reading, phonics and curriculum development, which are already positively impacting lessons; and investing in reading materials to match pupils' aptitudes and encourage greater progress at their individual levels. This is also in addition to investment in resources which further support our teachers' knowledge in each subject.

Knaphill Lower School is completely committed to offering the very best provision we can to your children, and together with the support of Bright Futures Learning Trust and the School's governors, we are looking forward to the term ahead and working together to ensure we are providing the high-quality provision that all of our pupils deserve.

Finally, I wanted to thank you all for your ongoing support which is central to our School community. We very much value your thoughts and feedback, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Harbridge', with a stylized, cursive script.

Miss Vicky Harbridge
Acting Headteacher

