

18<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to let you know the outcome of the Ofsted visit that took place just before the end of the summer term. We're sorry that we haven't been able to tell you sooner but we're not allowed to do so until Ofsted are ready to publish their report and this has been further delayed because of the holidays. Here is the link to the [final report](#).

As you will see, the inspectors were hugely impressed by the way in which the pupils conducted themselves; their behaviour was exemplary, and they are exceptionally well-mannered and polite. It is pleasing to see this recognised and the pupils are a credit to themselves, you as parents and carers and to the school itself.

The overall outcome of the inspection is that Parkside Middle School has been judged as 'Good' with the opinion that the school has demonstrated strong practice and marked improvement in specific areas possibly indicating that the school has improved significantly overall. Under the Ofsted processes in place prior to 2018 our recent inspection would have been extended to a second day and the judgement on whether we had attained 'Outstanding' would have been made at that point. That changed in 2018 and we must now wait for the inspectors to return.

Therefore, there is a recommendation for a further inspection in the next 12-18 months to assess whether the school has reached the standards required to be judged 'Outstanding'. We are delighted with this outcome. It is the best that we could hope for at the stage and it's safe to say that we very much look forward to Ofsted coming back to give them a further chance to see what we already believe to be the case.

So what will change as a result of this inspection? Two areas for action have been identified and we are already working on these and will continue to do so. What won't change is the ethos of the school; we want Parkside Middle School to remain a place where pupils feel safe, happy and want to come to learn and develop. A place where every child matters and feels valued.

All concerned with the school are feeling very proud of what we have achieved and are starting the new school year with renewed enthusiasm. We are ready for when Ofsted return but the staff and governors won't allow this to change our focus from providing the best possible education for our pupils. If you have any questions or comments about the report, then we would be delighted to hear from you. You can contact us via the school office or by email [office@parkside.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkside.worcs.sch.uk)

With best wishes

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