

31st January 2023

Dear Parents and carers

The December 2022 Ofsted report will be available to view on the Ofsted website shortly and from the school's website now. It is in marked contrast to the report from the Local Authority we received early in the same year. As you might expect we are both disconcerted and very disappointed by the Ofsted report.

However, we take full responsibility and have already begun to address those areas identified as needing improvement.

There will be a drive to improve the teaching of phonics for those pupils that joined the school below the expected level. We will use both the Local Authority and the expertise of Carolyn Burleigh (Head of School) and her team at Pinewood – a good school with outstanding features.

We have already had discussions with the Local Authority regarding our provision for children with SEND. They did not identify any issues with our SEND provision but will provide support to review and adapt the curriculum, ensuring it meets the needs of all learners. We will aim to move the number of parents/carers that believe we give their children with SEND the support they need, from 92% now to 100% as soon as possible.

Behaviour across the school is always a focus for all of us. We will continue to support those very few pupils that present behavioural challenges. The last few days before Christmas always impacts on behaviour due to the excitement of the Christmas performances. Since the beginning of this term, behaviour has returned to the usual level. The school is a calm and purposeful place.

Ofsted did not look at the school's Key Stage 2 data. We will continue to prepare all children so that they achieve the impressive outcomes the school has delivered over the years – these have consistently exceeded national expectations. The recent multiplication table check for Yr4 illustrates this: Out of 25 points, the average score nationally was 19.6 points, Hampshire's average was 19.3 and Guillemont's was 21.6. Nationally, 78% of all pupils scored 15 or more marks out of 25, in Hampshire this was 76% but at Guillemont we achieved 89%.

We believe Guillemont provides a wonderful environment for children to develop and learn and we ask for your continuing support. We remain committed to doing our best for your children as we always have. Our aim is to be categorised as at least a good school in four terms time (Spring 2024) when they return.

Yours sincerely



Denis Foster (Headteacher)



Clive Norris (Chair of Governors)