



WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Ofsted Inspection Excellent News

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, Woodbrook Vale School had a section 8 Ofsted inspection on Tuesday 05 February 2019. I am pleased to inform you that the formal inspection letter has now been published and is available on the school website (www.wbvs.co.uk). The letter will also be posted directly on the Ofsted website (www.ofsted.gov.uk).

Section 8 inspections take place in schools who were judged to be “good” during their previous Ofsted visit. The purpose of this short, one-day inspection is to determine whether the school continues to provide a good standard of education and whether safeguarding is effective.

The Ofsted ‘School Inspection Handbook’ states that there are four possible outcomes following a section 8 inspection:

- **Outcome 1** – the school continues to be a good school
- **Outcome 2** – the school remains good and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school may be judged outstanding if it received a section 5 inspection now. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection, which will typically take place within one to two years
- **Outcome 3** – the lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would receive at least its current grade if a section 5 inspection were carried out now. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection, which will typically take place within one to two years
- **Outcome 4** – The lead inspector has gathered evidence that suggests the school may be inadequate in one or more of the graded judgements under section 5 inspections; there are serious concerns about safeguarding, pupils’ behaviour or the quality of education; there are concerns that the performance of an outstanding non-exempt school could be declining to ‘requires improvement’. The short inspection will be converted to a section 5 inspection, usually within 48 hours.

I am delighted to announce that Woodbrook Vale achieved **Outcome 2**, which is the best possible outcome from a section 8 inspection. This means that as well as Woodbrook Vale retaining its “good” status, inspectors hold the view that the school has improved significantly overall and may now be “outstanding”. A full section 5 inspection will



therefore take place within the next 12-24 months to substantiate this outcome and check if Woodbrook Vale should be formally designated as an Ofsted-rated outstanding school.

As a school community, we should all be extremely proud of this achievement and the judgement certainly reflects the dedication and commitment of students and staff over an extended period of time. We now have a very clear agenda as we endeavour to continue to improve even further over the next few years. We look forward to welcoming Ofsted back in the near future to confirm the findings of the section 8 inspection team as we consolidate our strong practice.

As we enter a new era, I would like to personally thank parents/carers for their support of Woodbrook Vale School throughout my headship – the feedback received during the inspection was overwhelmingly positive. This level of support has always been valued and appreciated.

Yours faithfully



Gary Peat (Headteacher)

