



8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are extremely pleased to inform you that, following our recent Ofsted inspection on 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Brotherton and Byram CP Academy has been judged a **‘GOOD’** school. During the two-day inspection, inspectors observed teaching and learning in every class; held meetings with the Head of School, other senior leaders, middle leaders and members of the governing body; looked at pupil books; talked to the children, staff and parents to gain their views; listened to children read and observed pupils’ behaviour and conduct at breaks and lunchtimes. You are being sent a copy of the full report alongside this letter. The report will also be published on the school website today and the Ofsted website shortly.

I would like to express my appreciation to the staff of Brotherton and Byram CP Academy for their continuous hard work and dedication to the children, who in return never fail to impress us with their boundless enthusiasm. I would also like to thank the governors and those parents who supported the school during the inspection by passing their views on to the inspectors, either verbally or via Parentview. The key findings of the report can be found on page 1. Please see the highlights from the report below:

- ‘The head of school and the executive headteacher from the trust, both of whom are relatively new to the school, have a good understanding of the strengths of the school and the areas that need improvement. They rightly celebrate the high attainment of the Year 6 pupils last year, but are not complacent.’
- ‘Good teaching in Years 1 to 6 has ensured that most pupils make the progress they need to in order to be ready for the next stage of their learning.’
- ‘The strong emphasis that leaders place on personal development provides a good grounding for pupils. As a result, pupils behave well and display positive attitudes to learning. They feel safe and trust staff to look after them well.’
- ‘Governors have a good understanding of how their role in improvement sits in the partnership with school leaders and within the academy trust.’

The recommendations for improvement had been identified by the school prior to the inspection and we are already making progress towards achieving them. We appreciate it may come as a concern to some parents that there are areas to improve in our early years unit. We can confidently share that there were already clear plans in place to ensure that early years continues to improve and therefore will provide your children with the high quality education that you would expect from the ‘Good’ school that we are.

We feel that the report reflects many of the aspects which we are incredibly proud of. We remain, as always, fully committed to providing a high standard of teaching, learning and welfare for the children of Brotherton and Byram CP Academy. We thank you for your continuing support and loyalty to the school. This is an exciting time for the school and I look forward to continuing the journey and building on our success as we strive towards achieving outstanding, improving the school as we always endeavour to do.

You can of course read and digest the report at your leisure and if you have any specific questions or concerns please feel free to drop into one of our coffee and chat sessions which will be held next Thursday at 9am and 6pm.

Many thanks and best wishes,

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