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Dear Parents and Carers

## Ofsted Report

We have now received the report from Ofsted following their inspection on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The breakdown of grades is as follows:

- Behaviour and Attitudes - Requires Improvement
- Personal Development - Requires improvement
- Early Years - Requires Improvement
- Quality of Education - Inadequate
- Leadership and Management - Inadequate
- Safeguarding - Effective

This means that the grade for Overall Effectiveness is Inadequate.

Unfortunately, the timing of the inspection came before the actions of the new Interim Executive Board (IEB) and Acting Headteacher, Mrs Wilson, have had time to become embedded and reflected in our academic results.

We are pleased that Ofsted found that:

- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Pupils feel that they can discuss concerns with staff whom they know well.
- Pupils have strong relationships with staff. Most pupils feel that bullying is not an issue.
- Leaders help families who need extra support and work with agencies to put this in place.
- Leaders have helped some pupils to improve their behaviour significantly.
- Staff in the Early Years understand early child development.
- Leaders have brought in an early reading programme that is clear about what needs to be taught and when.
- Leaders have recently brought in new schemes of work in all subjects across the curriculum. The curriculum starts in the early years and builds up across the school.

We recognise that we are in the early stages of our new reading programme and new schemes of work but all our staff are working hard to learn how to teach them effectively. The IEB would like to extend its thanks to them for their efforts over the last few months.



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In October a Rapid Action Plan was put in place to respond to the areas for improvement. This can be viewed on our school website.

The specific areas of work are:

- Subject leadership are engaging with further training and support to develop their subject knowledge.
- Curriculum development, ensuring that we have a carefully sequenced curriculum in place for all subject areas.
- Embedding the new phonics scheme and early reading with specific support for the weakest readers.
- Senior Leaders are working with the IEB to review the Rapid Action Plan and monitor progress.
- Leaders are reviewing our SEND provision to make sure all pupils with SEND receive the appropriate programs and interventions to help them to access their learning and make progress.

We are confident that all the work taking place across school will make a hugely positive difference for our children, both now and in the future.

As you know, we have appointed Mrs Melanie Garlick as permanent Headteacher from after Easter which will strengthen the leadership team and enable us to increase the pace of improvement.

You can read the full Ofsted report on our school website on the following link:  
<https://www.oakprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/10247299-Oak-CofE-Primary-School-142418-Final-2.pdf>

It will be published on the Ofsted website in a few days.

We will continue to keep you informed about our ongoing work and we remain committed to doing all that we can to provide a place where children feel safe, are happy and can thrive and learn.

We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to work in partnership. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Wilson via Reception.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer M Ryan  
Chair  
Interim Executive Board



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