



# BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL & BABY UNIT

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## Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

On the afternoon of Friday, 13th March we received the final version of our OFSTED report, based on the Inspection that took place in late January.

I'm writing to let you know that The Governors are delighted to share this report with you. It is a report that shows that Bowerham school is performing well above national expectations. The "new" OFSTED reports grade schools in seven categories and you will see that your school meets national expectations in one category and **EXCEEDS NATIONAL EXPECTATIONS** in the other six areas.

This excellent outcome owes everything to the dedication of the staff, the hard work of the pupils and the support of all of you – well done and thank you all.

The Report says so many positive things about the school and I hope you will all take the time to read it – for me, the most telling remark is when the report says "Pupils enjoy coming to school".

Kind Regards,

David Knight (Chair of Governors)

We are absolutely delighted with the outcomes of the inspection. This inspection took place under a **new and more robust Ofsted framework**. Under this system, inspectors do not make a 'best-fit' judgement. Instead, every area is judged against very specific and exacting criteria. Because of this, achieving a **Strong Standard** is something that we are extremely proud of as a school.

The report recognises many of the things that make Bowerham special – our inclusive culture, the quality of teaching, the behaviour and attitudes of our pupils, and the strong relationships we have with families. It also highlights the nurturing environment we provide and the way pupils are supported to thrive academically and personally.

You will notice that the judgement for **achievement** is listed as *Expected Standard*. This reflects the wide and diverse cohort of pupils we proudly serve. Importantly, this judgement does not mean that children are not making strong progress. In fact, many pupils make **very good progress from their starting points**, particularly those with additional needs or barriers to learning. The inspection recognises that pupils typically achieve well and are prepared successfully for the next stage of their education.

As a school, we remain ambitious for every child and will continue to build on this success. The inspection highlighted the strength of our caring community and the commitment of staff to ensuring that every pupil is known, valued and supported to succeed.

Thank you again for your continued support and for being such an important part of the Bowerham family.

Kind regards,

Jo Banks & all the Staff

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## Stand tall, reach high, love learning

The Bowerham School community is proud to nurture aspiration, inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for a changing Society