



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that the Ofsted inspection report from our two-day section 8 inspection on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 accompanies this covering letter. The report will also be accessible via the school website today and published on the official Ofsted report website, eight working days from today's date.

The purpose of a section 8 inspection is to gauge whether a school continues to be 'good' as indicated in our previous report in February 2017, or to ascertain whether there is evidence to suggest a school is above or below its original grading.

The school continues to be **Good**. I am delighted that the hard work undertaken by the Spetisbury staff and our wider community has been recognised along with a number of other strengths including:

- The atmosphere of calmness and warmth that pervades through the school
- The opportunities offered to pupils
- The pupil behavior and strong character development
- Our curriculum including an effective reading and mathematics curriculum
- Effective arrangements for safeguarding
- Our ethos and the ways in which children understand how the school supports those experiencing challenging circumstances
- A team that wants to do their best for each pupil

The report itself, although not able to reflect everything at Spetisbury, is very detailed and highlights the many elements of effective provision at our school as well as the next steps needed to take the school forward. What is particularly satisfying is that the next step identified was already within our development plan prior to this inspection for us to work on this year.

It is an excellent report, particularly at a time when the benchmark for 'Good' is at the highest level it has ever been. The Ofsted inspection was thorough, robust and professionally rigorous. We were open and transparent around all aspects of school life and had much evidence to support the inspection process.

I am particularly pleased that Ofsted recognised the journey of improvement made at Spetisbury over the past five years and I would like to thank the parents and carers who have supported the school during this time. Once again, may I thank all those involved in the inspection itself, especially the staff, DSAT, governors and the children who shone during the inspection process and continue to make a positive contribution to school life.

With your continued support, we look forward to the school continuing on its strong upward trajectory, as we work towards becoming an outstanding school. We pledge to continue to help all our students fulfil their potential and to inspire the wider community.



As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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