

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Families,

**RE: Ofsted Monitoring Visit**

As you know, on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 the school had an ungraded Ofsted monitoring visit, having had our first monitoring visit in May earlier this year. We were delighted that the inspector acknowledged the hard work that has gone into implementing our improvement plans in our school.

The purpose of the visit, carried out by HMI Zoe Helman, was to identify and report on the school's progress and as such, it is not a graded inspection. The inspector's overall finding was that 'leaders have made progress to improve the school.'

To come to this decision, the inspector reviewed the school's action plans, visited lessons, spoke to pupils, and discussed progress with trustees, school and trust leaders. The inspection highlighted continued improvement across the school. We were particularly pleased to receive positive feedback about our high-quality training on the curriculum, the recognition of how our curriculum ambition has risen 'dramatically', our 'clear understanding' of how to support pupils with a range of special educational needs and/or disabilities, and the 'comprehensive reading strategy' in place.

In addition, the inspector highlighted that pupils understand the behaviour system well and value the rewards they receive, and that there is a 'robust' system in place to encourage pupils to come to school each day. We were particularly pleased to hear that students are more positive about the school and to hear the recognition of our 'warm approach' and how most pupils move around the building 'calmly'.

We continue to be committed to ensuring that Beckfoot Oakbank becomes a Good school and we understand there is more to do to achieve this. However, we are pleased that Ofsted have recognised the significant steps that have been put in place to improve the quality of education at the school.

The full letter from Ofsted is on the school website and will be published on the Ofsted Website from next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

Yours sincerely,



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