

'Together Everyone Achieves More'

Tuesday 23rd January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write to inform you that University Primary Academy Kidsgrove's OFSTED inspection report from 21st- 22nd November 2017 is now available online: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/139949>. Paper copies are available from Miss Colley in the school office.

We are pleased to report that the academy's Early Year's provision was graded as good and has maintained its effectiveness from the previous inspection. The inspection team recognised the skill and dedication of our EYFS team. Children in EYFS were considered to make "swift progress from their starting points". The relationships between children and adults were viewed as "very positive" and high levels of engagement and cooperation were seen. Partnerships with parents were considered to be a real strength of the work in EYFS and we would like to thank you all for your continued involvement and support with achieving the best possible outcomes for the children.

As you will be aware, personal development, behaviour and welfare has been a key priority for us over the last twelve months as it lays the essential foundations for further school improvement to take place. Therefore we are delighted to tell you that the academy was graded as good. We are pleased that the progress made in this area has been recognised. The inspection team reported that the children have a strong sense of tolerance and respect, accompanied by a good understanding of democracy, shown in their various leadership responsibilities. Pupils were also considered to have a good understanding of staying safe and keeping healthy. The behaviour of pupils is good and the inspection report comments on the improvements that have clearly been made to this in recent times. Pupils want to learn and have good manners. We are very proud of the children for their super behaviour! In addition to this, safeguarding was reported to be effective with a "tenacious approach" being taken by the leadership team in this respect.

These strengths now provide a foundation for us all to make rapid progress in our key areas for development. The inspection confirmed our view that we need to focus on achieving better outcomes in Key Stage 2. It was recognised during the inspection that until this academic year there have been substantial staff changes in Key Stage 2 resulting in highly variable teaching. As a result, pupils have not made enough progress in this Key Stage.

The leadership team at University Primary Academy Kidsgrove would like to reassure you that work has already begun to address the areas for development which were confirmed by OFSTED and over the coming months we will be working on bringing about the necessary improvements and stability to teaching and learning in Key Stage 2 to ensure rapid improvement in the quality of teaching and learning.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and we look forward to working with you on our plans for further school improvement.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Pope
Head of School

Mr Farrington
Executive Principal