



# Cantrell Primary and Nursery School

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Dear parents,

Whilst this is clearly a disappointing Ofsted report we are writing to reassure you that steps are being taken to address the concerns highlighted and to bring about swift and lasting improvement. As a priority we have formulated and implemented a robust rigorous and strategic action plan designed to address areas for improvement. This has included reconstituting the Governing Body by adding new experienced governors with the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to complement existing members. In terms of safeguarding all aspects identified in the report are being swiftly acted upon to ensure systems and processes for keeping pupils safe meet statutory requirements, that record-keeping is fit for purpose and all staff know and understand their responsibilities.

We are pleased that the inspectors noted a number of positive elements about Cantrell.

The report says that “most children enjoy coming to our school.” We know this because they tell us every day with the smile they share on arrival at the school gates and our attendance, currently 94%, is something we should all be really proud of.

The report also reflects on our extra-curricular activities: “The school provides a range of activities to enrich the curriculum, such as whole-class brass lessons, sports clubs and residential trips” This term children have attended various sports festivals, they have participated in music exhibitions showcasing their amazing musical talents and visited lots of local places including Nottingham Castle. Year 6 are really looking forward to their school sleepover, party and disco next month!

Our celebration assemblies have been very well attended and we have loved sharing our learning with you. Thank you for always showing your support at our events and attending our Friday morning reading sessions. OFSTED recognised that “Children in nursery get off to a flying start”, we are so very proud of all of our “Skilled staff team” and the strong relationships they have with you.

“Reading is prioritised, starting in the early years with phonics. The school accurately identifies pupils who struggle with reading. Pupils who require it receive additional support to improve their reading. They are becoming increasingly confident readers, as a result”. We are pleased our efforts to improve literacy were recognised and will invest the same drive and energy into embedding the improvements identified in the report.

Finally, the report says that “the school has established routines to promote a positive learning environment”. This is due to our staff team who work tirelessly to ensure that your children are in receipt of high-quality education every day and during their time at Cantrell develop a real love of learning.

Whilst many improvements have already been addressed, we will continue to work hard to ensure our school is a good school and we, staff and governors, appreciate your continued support with this next stage. We are committed to keeping you up to date with progress and will share our successes and improvements along the way. If you do have a comment or a concern, please do come and talk to one of the senior leadership team or another member of staff. Our doors are always open and we will do our best to respond quickly and keep you informed of what is happening in our school.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Deborah Weaver