



Gorsemoor Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

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As I near the end of my first term here, I would like to once again thank you for the welcome that I've had since starting. I would also like to add thanks for the lovely messages passed to us during our recent Ofsted inspection and to those of you who used Parent View, or who spoke to the inspectors, to provide further information for them. Your children are wonderful and they were a credit to you and the school over the two days. The outcomes of the inspection are confidential until the report has been through checks and quality assurance with Ofsted. Due to the timing of the inspection, this may mean that the final report may not be with us until after the Christmas break. As soon as we have it available, we will ensure it is distributed to you all.

The school was due for a visit from Ofsted as it had been over four years since it was last inspected. The report will reflect on progress over this time, the overall effectiveness of this and the quality of provision during this time and currently. Ofsted look at this in relation to the following areas: The effectiveness of safeguarding, the quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare, pupil outcomes, the Early Years Foundation Stage and leadership and management (including governance). It is useful that the inspection has happened so soon after me starting in this role as we can use the outcomes of the report to plan further school improvement moving forward.

At the start of the Spring Term, I will be sending out as many dates for your diaries as possible for events and opportunities to come into school up until the end of the school year. These will include some opportunities to see the school in action during the day by looking around with me and having the opportunity to ask any questions about the developments we are working on in school. For those of you who wish to take advantage of this, but who are not available during the day, I will arrange some similar evening opportunities. In particular, I will be communicating with you about recent changes we have introduced to improve teaching, learning and assessment across school.

We are here to help so do feel comfortable to ask any member of staff for help or advice. If you ever have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at headteacher@gorsemoor.staffs.sch.uk or by contacting the school office to speak to me by telephone or to arrange a meeting. As there is still unpredictable, weather forecasted for over the weekend, we will continue to monitor the situation. As far as possible, we will always aim to keep the school open; it is only if staff are not able to drive here safely that we may need to close. If the weather worsens and we do need to make this decision, we will let you know as early on Monday morning as possible.

On behalf of all the staff and governors here at Gorsemoor, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. Wednesday 3rd January is an INSET day and so we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Thursday 4th January**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Evans, Headteacher

