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Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted Inspection of Chew Valley School – 17th/18th May 2022 – Published Report

It is with great pleasure that I am able to write to parents and carers to share the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection visit in May.

The school was last visited some time ago in 2015 with Ofsted rating the school as a good school. Ofsted have changed how they inspect schools over the last few years and school and governors have waited patiently for the day to arrive again to show Ofsted how the school provides an education in the way it does. Our school has changed significantly since 2015 so it was important that we, as a community, had the chance to welcome our visitors and hear what their thoughts were. The result was that the inspection team saw at Chew Valley what governors see regularly which was dedicated teaching and support staff, excellent teaching and learning, strong leadership and happy, safe children.

The inspection team carried out a Section 8 inspection over two days. Parents and carers were asked to complete feedback and I thank all of you who took the time to complete this. I was joined by governing body members, trustees from Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) and Gary Lewis, the CEO of the Trust, along with our own senior leadership team to hear the initial findings at the end of the inspection time. We were delighted to hear that Ofsted still regard Chew Valley School as a good school.

We have received the final report and Ofsted have asked us to pass this on to all our parents and carers along with the parents and carers of Year 6 children coming to join us in September. Please therefore find attached a copy of the report. I hope that you will agree with me that the report reflects strongly the vision and values that the governing body set for the school. The inspection team saw how the school values excellence and people and takes a holistic and caring approach with children and staff. Ofsted have recognised the hard work which has gone into the school in recent years by all teaching and support staff in delivering the best education for the children through what has been at times a difficult period. The inspection team talked to significant numbers of children during their visit and they were impressed by them all and commented on how much they were a credit to everybody. The students talked passionately about their school and certainly gave the team their perspective. You can find the report on the school website [Chew Valley School - Home](#) and on Ofsted's website in the next week.

The governing body are immensely proud of our school and I know that many parents, carers, students and staff feel the same. The time now is not to rest on our happy laurels but to continue to strive for the best outcomes for our children. Ofsted inspections are part of the journey and not the destination. Governors will continue to set the strategic direction of the school and hold the school to account for the benefit of the education of the children. Just last weekend, we were working with the senior leadership team in reviewing where we are and what we are doing next.

Finally, I would like to thank our Headteacher Mr Beynon and the senior leadership team who work in partnership with governors to deliver our strategic aims with passion, commitment and drive to get it right for children.

Yours sincerely

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