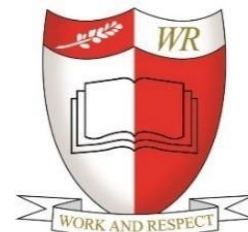


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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

You will, by now, have read our letter outlining the outcome of Ofsted's inspection of William Ransom Primary School in March, as well as the school team's experience during the inspection and over the last few months. Ofsted's Inspection Report for our school accompanies this letter. As a statutory requirement, the report will be published on our website shortly. Ofsted will publish the report on their own website later this week.

Every Ofsted inspection will highlight areas where schools are strong, and where they can do better. Indeed, many of the areas Ofsted positively highlighted about William Ransom represent the evolution of the school that has happened over the last few years. These plans take time to introduce, embed, and then they are continually reviewed to ensure the school meets the changing needs of its pupils.

You will know from our letter that we had concerns about how the inspection was conducted. We shared those with inspectors both during the inspection, and afterwards through the formal complaints process. Our concerns led us to believe that some of the inspection findings did not fully or accurately reflect or describe the education, practice and provision experienced by the children at the school day in, day out.

We are disappointed that our concerns and comprehensive list of complaints were not upheld by Ofsted. However, we will continue to explore all remaining avenues to ensure that school inspections are conducted fairly and with integrity, so that we can have full confidence in the outcome.

We would again like to thank you for your responses in the Ofsted 'Parent View'. We know these overwhelmingly positive responses reflect the true picture of our school.

We are sure you can appreciate this has been an especially challenging few months for the entire school team. They dedicate their passion, expertise, and time every single day to help your child learn, grow, and thrive. Receiving Ofsted's judgement and feedback regarding some aspects of their work has therefore been difficult for them.

Our Leadership Team have the full support of the Governing Body. We ask that you consider how challenging the past few months have been for the team in your interactions with them, and bear in mind they will continue to work tirelessly to build on and develop the opportunities at William Ransom Primary School.

We are a fantastic and strong school community and your continued support is much appreciated at this time.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Fennemore
Chair of Governors

Sam Hankin
Vice Chair of Governors

on behalf of the Governing Body