

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am delighted that we are finally able to share the outcome from our recent Ofsted inspection. I am thrilled to tell you that the school has been judged to be 'good' in all areas. Ofsted considers that the school provides an excellent quality of education for all children at Marsden Junior School. I am sure you will join us all in being very pleased to have achieved this across all categories in a new Inspection Framework. I want to state that along with a new Framework, the new report is written in a new style, with much less jargon, so please take this into account when reading it!

We all think very highly of Marsden Junior School and I have said before that we are all 'in it together' to create the very best learning for each child in our school community, I think this is a huge reflection on the hard work that everyone, staff, community and of course pupils all put in to make Marsden Juniors such an incredible school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, pupils, governors and families who work tirelessly to keep what is great about Marsden Juniors and to implement changes that we have made. Marsden Junior School is indeed a good school and I feel that we all have shared a sustained determination to continue to build on our successes to strive to provide the very best quality of education, and again I thank you all for this shared vision.

I would also like to thank you, as parents specifically, who have supported school in all we have been aiming to achieve. *"97% of parents would recommend this school to others,"* which is fantastic to hear. I always say how Marsden Junior School is a partnership and the feedback from the online questionnaire reports have certainly shown that.

"Pupils are proud of their school. They describe things they like about it with enthusiasm."
We feel we provide exemplary care, guidance and support for pupils which has contributed significantly to the improvements in personal development.

Quality of Education is good. It specifically praises the teaching of reading and maths and how well we support pupils who may find things challenging. It also mentions how well designed our whole school curriculum is. *"Pupils love to read. Some pupils arrive in school struggling to read. A systematic approach to teaching phonics helps them catch up quickly."*

The leadership of the school was praised highly. I want to say that it is not in my nature to draw attention to anything to do with me personally – I really do want to note leadership is not just me, it is an entire and varied team. I would like to say that words such as passionate, aspirational, inspirational, dedicated and utterly child focused are indeed words that I believe aptly describe the leaders of all subjects in school and within all areas which often go on behind

the scenes. The impact and drive that the governors hold for the school can also be described as inspirational and dedicated and I hope you can see how this was indeed reflected in the report.

I have said to parents who have asked, that for Marsden Junior School, we are not chasing a grade, we are aiming to do the very best for each young person in our care. We strive to help all children to recognise their talents, build on their strengths, recognise where they may find something difficult and help them have the skills to move forward from this. We aspire to create caring, thoughtful and passionate pupils who are proud of themselves and the communities they live in, and we are pleased that Ofsted has recognised this in their report.

Governors, staff, parents/carers, and most importantly the pupils, all work hard every day to create something very special here in our school. I thank you for your continued support for Marsden Junior School, it is greatly valued and appreciated and we look forward to continuing to support your children in going from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mansell

Mrs. S Mansell (Principal)