



Friday 24th November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to share the report written by Ofsted following the two-day inspection of our school on 22nd and 23rd October 2023. Inspectors spent two days at Grove. They observed lessons and play and lunchtimes, they talked with children about their education and learning experiences, and talked to many members of staff and parents. Ofsted have judged Grove School to be a good school.

Inspectors described Grove as 'a happy school' and an 'oasis in the city.' They saw that 'Pupils arrive with smiles on their faces, and they are greeted with a smile in return.'

Here are some more headlines from our Ofsted report:

- Pupils feel exceptionally safe and well cared for in school because they are.
- The kindness that everyone shows to each other is evident in all aspects of school life.
- Pupils say, "Everyone is kind with their actions and words."
- Pupils get off to an excellent start with learning to read.
- The school's approach to pupils with SEND is impressive.
- All staff know the needs of SEND pupils exceptionally well. They do everything they can to ensure these are met.
- Pupils have a deep understanding of tolerance and respect.
- Pupils said, "All pupils and teachers respect each other here."
- Leaders at all levels, including governors, are inspiring.



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We are particularly pleased that the inspection recognised the important role parents play. You will be pleased to know inspectors found: **'The school's approach to how they work with parents and carers is a strength. Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the school. They recognise the quality of education, care and support the school provides. All staff are committed and proud members of the Grove family. This joined-up approach helps the school to be the happy, successful and warm place it is.'** We know parental workshops have helped parents understand how we teach at school.

You will find a full copy of the report attached to this letter.

I hope our community will be as proud of this report as the staff are. We are rightly proud of the education and extra-curricular learning and experiences we offer to all our pupils.

On behalf of the staff at Grove I would like to thank all parents for the support you give your children. You are aspirational for your children and fully support the work of the school.

We look forward to continuing to be an **'oasis in the city'** by offering the very best for the pupils at Grove School.

Yours sincerely,

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Head teacher

Mr K Arshad
Chair of Governing Body