

**Ofsted Inspection Report**

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, our school was inspected by *Ofsted*, late last academic year on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024. The report is due to be officially released later this week and I am now able to share it with you and the outcomes of our full *Section 5 Inspection*. A copy of the report is attached to this letter and it can also be found on our website, as well as the *Ofsted* Website in due course.

**Previous Inspection Outcomes 2022**



**Inspection Outcomes July 2024**

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As you can see from comparing the previous inspection overview (above left) in 2022 to our most recent inspection in July 2024, we have **secured improvements in 3 of the 5 inspection areas** in less than two academic years, since the new/current leadership in the school was established. The inspection team recognised our school is on the right path to providing a very good education for our children. In the area identified for further improvement- *'Quality of Education'*- a common thread in the inspection report is that we are *'yet'* to realise the full potential of our recently developed curriculum and provision for pupils in the school. We hope that you will appreciate, the recent curriculum changes and staff development will take some time to fully embed, in order to deliver our unique school offer that is recognised in the report as "broad and well sequenced".

We can take many positives from the report as evidence we are providing high quality education for our children in many areas, and that we are on the right track with the recent improvements we have made. These changes have been evident across the school and seen by many of you. We certainly appreciated the feedback provided in the *Parent View survey* completed during the inspection where 90% said you would recommend our school to other parents.

Some particular quotes from the inspection report that celebrate our school include:

***"Pupils thoroughly enjoy coming to school. They feel safe."***

***“The school is successfully addressing the previous underachievement. Leaders are focused on improving the education of all pupils, including those who are disadvantaged”***

***“Since the last inspection, the school has successfully redesigned the curriculum to ensure it is ambitious for all pupils”***

***“Pupils, including those with the most complex SEND, receive compassionate help from staff who want the very best for them”***

As evident in the report, Trustees, Governors and Leaders have an accurate understanding of the school and we have strategic plans in place to continue our journey of improvement. The recent inspection has provided us with valuable insights and highlighted areas where we can improve. Where the report has identified areas for further improvement, we are taking these findings seriously and have a comprehensive action plan to address them. This plan includes the following key steps:

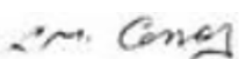
1. **Further embedding and improving provision for Reading:** We are beginning the second year of a three-year partnership with our local Literacy Hub. The Hub has a team of specialist staff, accredited by the Department of Education who train, coach and support staff to teach the highest quality reading skills. They visit our school regularly throughout the year and will next visit in October.
2. **Improving teacher expertise and teaching knowledge:** Deliberate staffing choices were made well before the Ofsted inspection took place to bring in new teachers to the school who have a range of expertise and experiences we felt were required to fulfil our ambitious curriculum. These new staff to the school this year bring a wealth of experience. In addition, through our high-quality staff training and development programme we are confident we will continue to develop our team.
3. **Assessment routines:** We had already planned significant changes from the beginning of this academic year to assessment systems throughout the school. A new system called *Sonar* has been introduced and staff received training on the recent Inset Day in early September. You will notice throughout this academic year a range of additional information will be provided by staff to the children in school as well as to you at future Parents’ meetings.

As a school, and with the support of the Trust and partners, you can feel assured that we will continue to strive to improve in not only the areas identified within the *Ofsted Inspection Report* but other areas identified by us internally in order to achieve our ambitious vision for the school. We will keep you informed on our progress in newsletters and at parent/teacher meetings this year, and are always available to discuss any concerns or questions you may have. Your continued support is crucial to this work and there will be a range of parent information sessions and support provided throughout the year to help us work together in partnership with our staff team.

We know that we have a great school. With the support of our school community, together we will continue to make The Coombes CE Primary School an exceptional school for all our pupils. We thank you in advance for working in partnership with the staff team to ensure your children continue to flourish at The Coombes.

Your children have made a fantastic start to this academic year and we look forward to working together to ensure our 2024-25 academic year is a huge success.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Louise Connelly  
Chair of Governors



Mr Luke Henderson  
Headteacher