

16th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on the 13th and 14th December 2016. The full report will be published on the [OFSTED website](#) on Thursday 19th January 2017. However we are allowed to inform parents and carers of the outcome in advance.

We are enormously proud to announce that OFSTED found us to be a GOOD school in ALL 5 areas: Effectiveness of Leadership and Management, Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare, Outcomes for Pupils, Early Years Provision.

What is abundantly clear from the report is that receiving this very welcome judgement has been entirely a team effort. Every single one of us – both our Headteachers, the Governors, the SLT, the staff, parents and, most importantly, the children themselves all impressed the inspectors.

The report quotes from parents,

‘Powell Corderoy is a hidden gem that, as a family, we feel very fortunate to be part of. The school has exceeded our expectations and our daughter has settled in extremely well. Proud to be Powell!’

‘The Headteacher and staff have worked extremely hard to tackle past failings and the school is now a wonderful environment for children to learn.’

The inspectors themselves write,

‘The headteacher and governors are ambitious and have high expectations for themselves, the staff and pupils. They have created a culture in which all staff feel valued and pupils feel welcomed. The school is a harmonious learning community.’

‘The school is very outward-looking and encourages pupils to be tolerant and respectful of others.’

‘The school site is safe, clean and well maintained.’ (Thanks Barry!)

‘The quality of teaching has improved since the last inspection and is good across the school.’

‘Pupils are courteous, polite and friendly.’

The report also details the areas we need to prioritise next so that we can continue on our improvement journey, rest assured the school leaders are already working on this.

Thank you all for helping to make Powell Corderoy the amazing school that it is today. We are truly ‘Proud to be Powell’.

Yours sincerely

Alex Cliff

Chair of Governors