



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection at Moorings Way Infant School. We are incredibly proud that the inspection recognised so many strengths of our school community, and the care, dedication and high expectations that shape daily life here. As part of the Thinking Schools Academy Trust, we are also proud to contribute to and benefit from a wider community committed to excellence in education.

Most importantly, Ofsted confirmed that safeguarding standards are met, highlighting the open and positive culture we have created where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Inspectors found that pupils are kept safe and feel safe — something we know is fundamental for both children and families.

We were particularly pleased that Inclusion and Personal Development and Wellbeing were judged to be strong. Inspectors recognised the rigorous way we identify and support disadvantaged pupils and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities. They noted that support is highly personalised, carefully reviewed and effective, and that parents receive regular information about their child's learning and wellbeing.

Our personal development programme was praised for being carefully shaped around pupils' needs and experiences. Inspectors saw the strength of our pastoral care, the impact of our recently established parent hub, and the rich opportunities we provide, from clubs and trips to our pop-up swimming pool. They commented warmly on pupils' empathy, kindness and respect, and their understanding of different cultures and faiths.

Across the school, pupils were described as happy, safe and excited to learn. The mantra "be your best self" was recognised as something pupils know, live and take pride in. Pupils' behaviour was praised, with instances of poor behaviour described as rare. Pupils were recognised for their enthusiasm, respect and positive attitudes. Attendance is high, with families valuing both education and the wider experiences on offer.

In terms of achievement, Ofsted found that pupils learn well across the curriculum and are prepared effectively for their next steps. Inspectors praised our focus on phonics and early



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reading, noting that pupils develop the knowledge they need to read with increasing fluency and apply this in their writing. Our broad and ambitious curriculum, skilled teaching and effective questioning were also recognised.

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, inspectors identified writing as an area we can strengthen further, particularly in ensuring consistently high expectations for grammar and punctuation across the curriculum. This work is already underway through staff training and the refinement of our approach, and we remain ambitious for every child.

The report also highlights the strength of leadership, governance and professional development, alongside the positive partnerships we have built with families. We were especially touched to read one parent's comment that the staff "go above and beyond" and that the school has a real community feel.

We also wanted to share that this inspection took place under Ofsted's new and more demanding inspection framework. Schools are now judged on a "secure fit" rather than a "best fit", meaning inspectors look for strong, consistent evidence of what a school does well across every part of school life. Knowing this makes the feedback we received even more meaningful and something we are especially proud of as a school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Moorings Way Infant School is a special place because of the children, families and staff who make up our community, and we look forward to continuing to build on these strengths together.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Sara Paine and Mrs Rachel Thripp  
(Executive Headteacher and Head of School)



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