



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our inspection on 11th and 12th March 2025, I am delighted to share with you the final report and inform you that Ofsted awarded HCFS a **Good** rating in all areas. We are extremely proud of this positive outcome, which is a testament to the care and commitment of our staff, the support of our parents and carers, and most importantly, celebrates our wonderful children.

(For your information, the current Ofsted framework, introduced in 2019, is very challenging and the judgement criteria are much more thorough and robust than those of the previous framework used when HCFS was last inspected eleven years ago).

Like other visitors to our school, the inspection team remarked on the strong focus placed on students:

*"Pupils thrive in this welcoming and inclusive school ... There are very strong relationships between staff and pupils. This results in a harmonious learning environment ... Pupils value the help the school provides for their social and emotional well-being. This support for pupils is a strength of the school's provision."*

They also recognised the effectiveness of our teaching team in bringing learning to life in exciting ways:

*"The school considers carefully how to ensure that it enthuses and inspires pupils. For example, leaders create 'projects' that bring together different aspects of pupils' learning in geography, history, art and design, and design and technology ... Teachers use a range of strategies to teach the curriculum in lively and interactive ways. For example, pupils' work in science shows how they take part in practical investigations and develop strong scientific skills."*

The inspection team identified two of areas for development, which we are pleased to say, are already part of the school development plans. Our focus will be to strengthen curriculum intentions to ensure consistency across all subjects, as well as adapting learning experiences so that every child, regardless of their challenges, can learn to the absolute best of their ability.

You can read more about the inspectors' judgements in the published report, which is included with this letter and available on our [school website](https://www.hcfs.org.uk). The report will also be published on the Ofsted website in about a week's time.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to every member of the school community, including our trustees, for their tireless efforts in making HCFS a wonderful place for children to learn. I also extend my thanks to you, the parents and carers, for your ongoing support and partnership. I am excited to continue leading HCFS as we build on our successes together in the coming years.

Kind regards,

Mrs Victoria Hobson  
Principal

