



Longridge High School

HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you may be aware, we had an Ofsted monitoring visit on Wednesday February 6th. This was a one day visit carried out by a HMI, to assess the progress the school has made since the September 2017 full inspection. Although monitoring visits do not give Ofsted judgements, I am happy to say we received a positive outcome, which says, 'senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection in order for the school to become good.' The HMI was happy with the progress the school has shown in relation to the three areas identified as needing improvement.

The findings echo those of the 2017 Inspection, which recognised the improvements the school is undertaking, and endorses the work the school is doing to continuously improve. If you recall, the school was given a Good in the September 2017 inspection for Leadership and Management, and a Good for Pupil Behaviour, Welfare and Safety, with requires improvement for outcomes and for teaching and learning. Our 2018 GCSE results were much improved on the previous year, and the school received recognition for being in the top five schools in Lancashire with the most improved attainment at GCSE and also most improved progress for the number of pupils gaining GCSE grades 4 and above in English and in Maths.

The HMI focussed the majority of the visit on what the school will need to do in readiness for its next full inspection. This will be under the new Ofsted framework, which is very different to the current framework. The new framework under which all schools will be judged, and which comes into effect as from September 2019, focuses on the development of knowledge and the acquisition of knowledge, through developing as broad a curriculum from primary to secondary school as possible. The letter from the HMI exemplifies this, and also shows the different approach Ofsted will be taking nationally from September 2019.

A copy of the letter is available to view on the school website.

Many thanks for all your continued support of the school.

Mrs J Green (Headteacher)