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Dear Families

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## Ofsted Inspection Report 2024

Leechpool Primary School had its Ofsted Inspection on 12 and 13 June 2024. We are writing to inform you that the report is now available on the school website. If you cannot access the report in this way, then please do collect a paper copy from the school office. It will also be published on the Ofsted website by the end of this week.

We would like to begin by thanking you for your support for the school – not just in your good wishes and emails but also for your support on the [Ofsted Parent View website](#). It is very much appreciated. We would also like to extend our thanks to all staff for their commitment and hard work – both at the time of the inspection, and over the course of time.

The outcome of the report is that our school has been rated as "Requires Improvement."

A school judged as requires improvement at its last inspection is a school that is not yet good but overall provides an acceptable standard of education. The school is inspected again within a period of 2.5 years.

As a school we are very disappointed with the grading, it is essential to acknowledge the areas highlighted by the inspectors that need our attention and improvement. Ofsted inspections are very rigorous and stressful processes for everyone in schools but are necessary for driving up standards in all schools in England.

### The Ofsted report identified several strengths within our school, including:

- Dedicated and caring staff who are committed to the well-being and development of our children
- A positive and inclusive school culture
- Broad and ambitious curriculum identifying strengths in Music and PE
- Children in the Foundation Stage benefit from a strong start to school
- Children have a strong start to their reading journey and pupils achieve significantly above the National average in phonics
- Children enjoy the broad range of clubs
- Personal development of all children is a priority

### However, the report also pointed out specific areas where we need to focus our efforts:

- In some subjects the curriculum is implemented inconsistently
- The school needs to strengthen the support for disadvantaged children
- Attendance of disadvantaged children needs to improve
- Oversight of improvement work on new initiatives to have more rigour and precision

We take the Ofsted report recommendations very seriously. To address the above, and in discussion with the governing body, the following actions are being implemented:

- Addressing low level disruptive behaviour in some classrooms. Ensuring no children are disadvantaged by the behaviour of others.
- Working with children and families to ensure that standards of behaviour in school are clear and that this is supported by everyone in the school community.
- Working with all subject leaders to ensure that the current ambitious curriculum that is planned, is consistently implemented and delivered. This is being reviewed by all subject leaders ready for September 2024.
- All class teachers have spoken to the children to ensure that they all feel they have a trusted adult to talk to in school.
- A meeting with the Local Authority to discuss and formulate next steps on how to address the outcomes to ensure that the school is rated good at its next inspection.

While the "Requires Improvement" rating is a challenging reality, it also presents an opportunity for reflection and positive change. We are determined to address the issues identified by Ofsted and to build on our strengths to ensure that every child at our school receives the high-quality education they deserve.

A clear action plan to respond to the issues is being discussed, worked on, and incorporated into the new school improvement plan for 2024-2025. This will be monitored and reviewed with the Governors and the Local Authority half termly to ensure all aspects are effectively and rigorously implemented. Once our updated school improvement plan is in place, this will be published on the school website.

To provide you with the opportunity to discuss the content of the Ofsted report and ask any questions that you may have, we will be holding two meetings at the school on Monday 15 July at 6.30 p.m. and on Tuesday 16 July at 2.15 p.m. in the school hall.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of Governors