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## Ofsted Report 2019

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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, school took part in a full Section 5 Ofsted Inspection from 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> January. The full Ofsted report has now been published and a full copy of the report can be found on our website at [www.leftwichprimary.co.uk](http://www.leftwichprimary.co.uk). If you do not have access to the internet or would like a hard copy of the report, please call into the school office.

During the inspection the team identified many positive aspects of school. They noted that school offers a stimulating curriculum that considers the needs and interests of Leftwich pupils. They recognised that we have a committed team of teachers who work hard and that the staff show a passion and commitment to continue to raise standards across the curriculum. This drive for improvement is reflected in the National League tables 2018 where school came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 56 in the Local Authority. Inspectors found that most pupils enjoy learning, and the positive relationships that are nurtured in school encompass their mental health and general well-being. Bullying is rare and children trust adults to resolve problems fairly. Pupils feel safe in school and parents confirmed this. A very large majority of pupils are courteous, polite and friendly, showing respect and consideration for visitors and their friends.

Although the report recognises the many 'good' areas of school and the progress we have made towards improving outcomes for our children, overall the Ofsted inspectors judged school as 'Requiring Improvement to be good'. Areas identified by the inspectors as requiring improvement include tackling persistent pupil absence, managing the challenging behaviour of a 'minority of pupils', offering further opportunities for children to deepen their understanding and closing the gap for our disadvantaged learners. We are very clear on what we need to do to improve and although very disappointed with the outcome of the report, we are committed to providing the best education for your children.

There are many other positive aspects to the report. Progress and attainment in EYFS is good. The majority of children in EYFS, *'including those who are disadvantaged, make good progress by the end of Reception as a result of effective teaching'*. Inspectors noted that *'adults bring learning to life, seizing children's interests with exciting activities to extend their experiences'*. Across school, almost all parents who responded said that they would recommend the school to another parent and that they valued the good communication between school and home.

We would like to thank all who responded to the Ofsted survey and those of you who met with inspectors. We value your support and we continue to be very proud of our pupils, our staff and our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claire Harrison and Mrs Lynn Guy



