

# FOREST OAK SCHOOL AND MERSTONE SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection and to celebrate what is a truly remarkable achievement for our school community.

Following the inspection, Merstone School has been awarded a **Strong Standard** judgement across every area inspected, with safeguarding confirmed as fully meeting all statutory requirements. This outcome is a powerful recognition of the dedication, expertise and care demonstrated every day by our staff, pupils, governors, families and wider community.

The inspection team recognised Merstone as a school where:

- Pupils achieve very well and make strong progress from their individual starting points.
- Attendance, behaviour and attitudes are strong, creating a calm, happy and purposeful environment.
- Teaching and the curriculum are carefully designed to meet pupils' needs and prepare them for future success.
- Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do, ensuring every pupil is valued, supported and able to thrive.
- Leadership is ambitious, reflective and deeply committed to continuous improvement.
- Personal development and wellbeing are woven throughout school life, helping pupils grow in confidence, independence and resilience.
- Post-16 provision successfully prepares young people for adulthood and their next steps.

Inspectors noted that our pupils "thrive as part of a caring learning community" and highlighted the warmth of relationships across the school. They recognised that pupils arrive each day with smiles on their faces and are supported by adults who consistently put their best interests first.



The report praises our highly skilled staff, their deep understanding of pupils' individual needs, and their expertise in supporting communication, learning, wellbeing and personal development. Inspectors also acknowledged the strong partnerships we have built with families, recognising parents as valued partners in their children's education.

Particularly pleasing is the recognition of our inclusive culture. The report celebrates the fact that every pupil is seen as a valued individual and that staff work tirelessly to remove barriers, celebrate achievements and ensure that all children and young people have opportunities to flourish.

This inspection outcome belongs to all of us. It reflects the trust and support you provide as parents and carers, the determination and achievements of our pupils, the dedication of our staff team, and the commitment of our governors and partners.

As proud as we are today, we know that our journey does not stop here. We will continue striving to be even better tomorrow than we are today. We will continue learning, growing and improving. Most importantly, we will continue placing our pupils at the centre of every decision we make. Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we have much to celebrate.

With great pride and appreciation,



**Kieran Ryan-Grealish**  
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