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Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me the greatest pleasure to be able to share with you our full section 5 Ofsted Report, which has rated the school 'Good' in all categories. This is a truly incredible achievement; to move a school up two categories at the best of times is a challenge and yet the team at Gatehouse has done this whilst working during a global pandemic for the last two years.

You are all aware that Gatehouse has had a challenging past and at its last full inspection in 2017 was graded as 'Inadequate', so as a team we could not be happier to hear the words 'you are good across all categories!'.

Every single member of the team, past and present has contributed to this turnaround over the past 4 years and I would like to thank them all for their hard work, commitment, adapting to a fast changing environment with Covid 19 whilst still striving to provide a rapidly improving education for all its children. The FFT has been excellent in supporting the school, along with Ofsted who have provided guidance and support during our journey, acknowledging the school improvement accomplishments along the way.

Please see below some quotes from the report:

'Gatehouse is a thoroughly inclusive school. Pupils are happy and love coming to school to see their friends and staff. Pupils talk with pride about how their school has improved. They enjoy learning and value the wide range of subjects they study'

'Leaders are determined for every pupil to be successful'

'Children get off to a flying start. Effective teaching in the early years ensures children develop their phonics knowledge well. Staff build precisely on what pupils already know'

'There is very little low-level disruption in lessons. Poor behaviour is not tolerated, and pupils know staff's high expectations'

Please be assured that our commitment to school improvement will not stop here, we will continue to provide the best education for your children.

I would lastly like to thank all of you, your kind words of support, emails giving the staff praise and your acknowledgment that the school has been improving in recent years has all added to the momentum of the team to do its best and inspire excellence in all the children.

We will look to 'celebrate' as a school this incredible achievement over the coming months and will keep you informed of what this will look like (Covid dependent!).

Best wishes

Leila Naldrett



