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Thursday 1st December 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware, Hatfeild had an Ofsted inspection on 18th and 19th October 2022, this was over five years since the previous inspection. This was just five full school weeks into the new academic year when a new Executive Headteacher and Head of School had just taken up their posts.

Ofsted will be publishing the inspection report on its website next week and has concluded that Hatfeild Primary 'Requires Improvement' to become a good school. The Governing Body and LB Merton are understandably disappointed at this judgement and appreciate parents will have concerns about it. We are however encouraged that, throughout the inspection, the lead inspector (Aliki Constantopoulou) and her team confirmed that it was the right decision to bring Anita Saville and Libby Wright, strong and experienced leaders, to our school.

The report recognises "*the newly established leadership team are having a positive impact*" less than two months into their tenure, and notes how "*pupils arrive at school with smiles on their faces*" and how they "*are happy and safe*" at Hatfeild.

Ofsted also said current leaders at the school are fully aware of what needs to be done at Hatfeild: their work on improving early reading and phonics, for example, is beginning to deliver improvements.

The report found that "*staff enjoy working at the school*" and that leaders "*looked out for their wellbeing.*"

Children in the ARP, the additional resource base 'The Lighthouse', "*receive effective support to access similar content to their peers. Interim leaders have improved communication with parents and carers who have children with SEND.*"

We all know that it's been a period of profound change at Hatfeild recently. The Ofsted report has identified that a lot of work is still needed to ensure that the new early reading programme is implemented, that the curriculum is clearly planned and that teachers have high expectation of children's behaviour in lessons.

The Ofsted inspection has confirmed that the current leaders have made positive changes in a short time and have identified the school's priorities and also saw that the "*governing body is working with the local authority to enable the new leadership to make improvements.*"





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Whilst we may feel disappointed with the Ofsted outcome, we have confidence in our new leadership team of Mrs Saville and Mrs Wright, their three year school development plan and the direction that the school is heading.

Yours sincerely

Richard Robinson

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Hatfeild Governing Body



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