



CAUSEWAY SCHOOL

PUTTING ACHIEVEMENT FIRST

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Ofsted Inspection Success

A very warm welcome back to all our students and a very happy new year to you all.

I want to begin 2018 by celebrating the success of our recent Ofsted inspection and subsequent report which was published on the Ofsted Website on 4th January 2018.

On November 29th 2017 Causeway School was visited by Ofsted for a Section 8 Inspection (a monitoring inspection where no graded judgement is allocated). The purpose of this inspection was to formally verify whether we are taking appropriate action for the school to become an Ofsted rated 'good' school following the last Section 5 Inspection (a full inspection where a graded judgement is allocated).

Causeway School is a rapidly improving school and I am delighted to now be able to share the final report with you and urge you to read Her Majesty's Inspector's findings. The report validates the progress we have made since the last Ofsted Inspection in September 2016, through the actions we have taken and which have had an impact across the school.

I have enclosed a copy of the report for your information but it can also be found on our school website and the Ofsted website:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/131669>

The key judgement is that senior leaders and the interim executive board are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the last section 5 inspection in order for the school to become a good school.

In summary the report outlines:

- Reliable systems for tracking pupils' progress
- Strengthened leadership of each of the subject areas
- Teachers delivering well-planned lessons, questioning pupils skilfully and sharing their good subject knowledge
- Strengthened Governance
- Pupils' appreciation of the community atmosphere in the school
- Able support delivered by representatives of the Swale Academies Trust reinforced by a LA consultant Headteacher

The school should take further action to:

- Improve pupils' attendance, especially that of those who are disadvantaged.



As correctly identified in the report the biggest single challenge we face as a school is attendance. Though this has strengthened considerably improvements in pupils' attendance standards are still not good enough and we need to continue to prioritise this work in partnership with all parents and carers so we can ensure positive change.

In school, we have dedicated attendance and pastoral teams working with our Education Welfare Officer, as well as the Local Authority Education Support, Behaviour & Attendance Service.

At home, I would be grateful if you could take the time to read through the accompanying documentation we have provided on **Attendance at Causeway School 2017/18**. By following this policy and guidance we can ensure we are all working together to improve the outcomes for our young people through improved attendance.

Here's to an exciting year continuing to build on the progress we made together since January 2017. We are committed to ensuring we are 'Putting Achievement First' and supporting every individual child.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Liza Leung'.

Liza Leung
Headteacher
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