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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the staff team at Queensway welcome back pupils following the summer break, I am writing to you on behalf of the Governing Body of the school to recognise and celebrate the excellent report the school received from Ofsted at the end of last year.

For parents who are new to Queensway School, you can find the report here <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50189914>

As many of you will know, the school was inspected on 9 and 10 June 2022 and the report was finally published on the very last day of term. Whilst Sarah shared the report on the last day, given it was so positive we did not wish to miss the opportunity to congratulate Sarah, the staff team, and all pupils at the school on the findings from the Inspection.

The inspection process was thorough and very robust. It included having four inspectors from Ofsted on the school site for the whole two days. Here are some of the key findings:

The report starts by recognised Queensway is an “inclusive school” and identifies that “leaders and staff take time to get to know pupils well”. The inspectors found that Queensway pupils are “polite, friendly and interested in each other’s views”.

We were delighted that the Inspectors judged Leadership and Management of the school to be **Outstanding**. This is a huge achievement for Sarah, Senior Leaders, and the whole staff team; Leadership can only be judged as Outstanding when it is clearly having an impact across the whole school community. The report describes Leadership as being “extremely strong, focusing on all pupils’ needs”.

Building on the recognition that Queensway is an inclusive school, the report goes onto identify that “staff are supported exceptionally well to identify and then meet the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities”.

Ultimately the report found that “pupils achieve well because the curriculum is effective, and teachers have strong subject knowledge”.

The report reflects the school and reads very well. Overall, the school is judged to be a Good school, it is Good across all areas except Leadership and Management which is judged to be Outstanding.

The report identifies next steps to further improve the school. These include;

- further development of some subjects across the curriculum so learning is consistently deep and extensive; and
- leaders continuing their work to reduce pupil absence further to ensure pupils are in school and learning.

These areas will be core focuses throughout the year ahead and I hope all parents will continue to support the school ensuring attendance across the school continues to improve.

I am sure you will all join the Governing Body in congratulating Sarah, the whole staff team, and pupils at the school on the strengths Ofsted identified. It has been an exceptional few years and this report rightly recognises how well the school community has been led and excellent standard of education across the school.

Kind regards

John Riches
Chair of Governors