

# CROWLAND SOUTH VIEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Headteacher: Mrs J M Tomlins**  
**Interim Deputy Headteacher: Miss H Barrett**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that South View Community Primary School was inspected by Ofsted on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017. The previous inspection took place almost five years ago in November 2012. Five key areas are looked at in depth during a full Ofsted inspection. The inspection team deemed South View Community Primary to be *good* in two of these areas and *requiring improvement* in three of these areas. The overall judgement was that the school requires improvement.

The Governing Body is pleased to have received an assessment of *good* in two areas, however we are aware of what improvements need making to improve the overall grade. The improvements needed that are referenced in the report are items that we are all already aware of, and a great deal of work has been taking place during the year to address these issues. The report from Ofsted closely matches the school's own self evaluation of our strengths and weaknesses.

We are pleased that the report highlights the good work that Mrs Tomlins has undertaken this year to halt the decline in standards. "*The highly committed headteacher, ably supported by senior leaders, works tirelessly to improve the quality of teaching.*" We are also pleased to report that several middle leaders have recently been appointed from among our teaching staff and are in the process of receiving training further to develop their skills in this area. This measure will allow us to continue to improve the effectiveness of our leadership and management of the school. We are also pleased that the report recognises the hard work that the Governing Body has put in this year, and notes the improvements that have been made to our effectiveness during the year. One of the most important duties of a school is the capacity to keep children safe. We are delighted the report highlighted no problems in this area and the inspectors acknowledged that our arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The **quality of teaching, learning and assessment** requires improvement. We have many highly skilled and committed teachers at South View, however we are all aware that there has been a high turnover of staff during the course of the last few years. We are also aware that the need has arisen to rely on too many supply staff. We are therefore delighted that from September 2017 we have a full time and permanent member of staff in every class. All of these teachers were in school on move up day, and your child spent the whole day with their new teacher. We are confident that with a full team of teaching staff along with the commitment of the Senior Leadership Team, the quality of teaching and learning will improve and remain more consistent across the school in the coming year.

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The **personal development, behaviour and welfare** of our children is rated by Ofsted as good. We are pleased that children say that they feel safe and that they know and demonstrate the values of respect and tolerance. The report states that the behaviour of pupils is good and children say that the new behaviour policy is helping everyone to behave well. The Governing Body would like to thank parents for their support at home in this area.

The report states that **outcomes for pupils** requires improvement. We have previously communicated to parents that the year 6 results in 2016 were well below our expectations. The report refers to this, but goes on to say that this is being remedied and pupils' progress is improving. The report continues, "*The school's information and work in books show that more pupils currently in year 6 are now on track to reach the expected standards. As a result, they are better prepared for their learning in secondary school than previous Year 6 pupils*". The report states that the performance of pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds has remained behind that of their peers. The Governing Body and Senior Leaders have worked hard to rectify this situation in the past year and a great deal of work has taken place around Pupil Premium spending. A full breakdown of how Pupil Premium money has been spent is available on the school's website. We feel that the inspection came too early for inspectors fully to see the impact of this year's spending. In any case the report recommends that an external review of the use of pupil premium funding should be undertaken, and the Governing Body will indeed be commissioning this review at the earliest opportunity.

**Early years provision** is rated as good by Ofsted. We are pleased that the report acknowledges the good work of all staff and children in our Early Years Foundation Stage. We are confident that our EYFS provision will continue to improve further to give our children the best start possible to their time at South View.

Although the Governing Body is disappointed that we did not receive *good* in all areas, we are pleased that Ofsted acknowledge the improvement that has taken place during the last year. Ofsted also clearly believe that we have the capacity to improve ourselves. The school's performance is constantly being monitored by governors, by other Headteachers and by advisers from the Local Authority. We have also had a Department for Education adviser visit during the year. All external advisers have highlighted the need to improve in certain areas, but all are confident that we are going about this in the right way and that the changes we have made are beginning to improve the quality of teaching and pupils' outcomes. We have an accurate Self Evaluation Form, and a robust School Development Plan that is delivering improvement.

The Governing Body would like to thank you for your support this year, and encourage you to continue to support the school and Head teacher as she works hard to build on the many improvements made in the last year. We are confident that the whole school community will work together to improve the areas that have been identified for improvement. As a result of this inspection, we will receive HMI monitoring visits which will give us an opportunity to demonstrate the improvements that we are making. We will also receive a further full inspection in around two years. During this process the Governing Body will continue to keep parents informed of how we are addressing issues raised in this inspection. We are very excited about the future of South View Community Primary School and look forward to welcoming our new members of staff in September, to add to the wealth of experience that we currently have in school.

Yours sincerely

The Governing Body of South View Community Primary School