Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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Ofsted Inspection Report – June 2022

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to forward you a copy of the Ofsted report from our recent inspection on the 8th June 2022. I hope you enjoy reading the many pleasing comments about our children, staff and school.

The Ofsted team conducted the inspection in a highly professional manner and were, as to be expected, rigorous in scrutinising the detail of our self-evaluations. I am particularly pleased that Ofsted recognised that 'leaders have high aspirations for all pupils' and that 'pupils relish challenge', thus acknowledging the hard work and commitment of staff at Shellingford CE (A) Primary School in promoting pupils' ambitions and achievement. Alongside this it was also pleasing to read in the report that we 'broaden pupils' experiences beyond the academic curriculum' and 'provide many opportunities that develop pupils' character and sense of responsibility.'

This success marks a moment in time which we should savour and celebrate as a school, after continued effort and determination to maintain standards of teaching and learning during the challenges of a pandemic. Indeed, you may be aware that since the school's last Ofsted visit in 2017, not only has the inspection framework undergone considerable change but the expectations for primary school children under the national curriculum has meant that the bar has been raised once again.

You will therefore understand how pleased we are with this outcome, yet 'good' does not mean perfect. There is still much to do and we are always looking to improve further. We will never become complacent in aiming to achieve the very best education for our children and will respond to the report's suggested next step with vigour.

I would like to thank you, as always, for your support and for working with us in such a committed partnership. I would also like to thank the children, staff and governors for everything they do, without whom none of this would be possible. I am convinced that it is our Shellingford School Family approach that makes us the school we are, proud to be at Shellingford CE (A) Primary School, and proud of what we achieve.

Our Ofsted report should be on the Ofsted website and on our own school website in next few days.

Best wishes to you all,

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