

18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I am thrilled to be able to share our Ofsted report with you, following our two-day long inspection on 27-28<sup>th</sup> June 2023. As you will see, out of the five inspection areas, Bowling Green Academy has been judged as Outstanding in four - a very rare feat under the current inspection framework that certainly warrants lots of celebration!

The report celebrates pupils, staff, our curriculum and our wider offer of clubs and support for children and their families, and I have read positive words and phrases in Bowling Green's report that I have, quite simply, never read before in an Ofsted report. These include:

- 'Pupils' character and maturity is truly breath-taking'
- 'Leaders have created an inclusive culture in the school'
- 'Pupils' knowledge of the school values and virtues is exceptional... They know, understand and celebrate differences in society'
- 'Reading and language are at the heart of the curriculum. Pupils are captivated by stories, spellbound by what might come next'
- 'Children in the early years get the precise teaching and support that they need. They rapidly pick up important skills and knowledge'
- 'Parents and carers appreciate the culture of high expectations in the school'
- 'There is an ambitious curriculum for all children'.


In the feedback to staff, our two Inspectors also added:

- 'Attendance is impressive. Children come to school because they are happy to come. Children are delighted to be in these classes'
- 'Opportunities abound for children at this school'
- 'Parents love the culture of the school and staff members' knowledge of all children. Parents feel that staff care'
- Staff are absolutely buzzing to work at this school'.

We are **delighted** with our report and feedback. As you will read in the full report, Inspectors noted some curriculum developments that will further enhance two foundation subjects: Art & Design and Music. The report also notes how aware we are as a school that these two subjects need 'tweaks' to become more bespoke to Bowling Green, which we had begun working on during summer term. We have already started our updated Art & Design curriculum and are continuing to work with Calderdale Music this year, too.

Overall, I am sure you will agree that this is a report to celebrate and treasure - it is by-far the best Ofsted report Bowling Green has ever received and, again, it is a joy to celebrate it with you all. Thank you to our staff, as always, for their hard work and dedication towards our school and its high standards. Thank you also to you, our families and children, for all your support towards Bowling Green – we are a proud community school with a passion for excellence and this report captures that in abundance.

With thanks,



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Principal