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‘Capenhurst CofE Primary School continues to be a good school.’

Dear parents and carers,

Following our recent Ofsted, I am pleased to share that the inspectors found Capenhurst continues to be a GOOD school. A new inspection framework came into regulation on 1st September 2019 and we were the first school in the local authority to be inspected under this new framework. The new framework places considerable emphasis on ensuring that schools offer a broad curriculum with a wealth of extra activities and opportunities for all children. This is something that we do well at Capenhurst. This was recognised by the inspectors when they reported that school is able to *‘offer a wide range of opportunities for pupils’ personal, social and cultural development.*

Under the new framework, there is an increased demand on schools to have their curriculum coherently mapped out for each year group in every subject. This mapping was already identified by school staff as an area for improvement during this academic year. Due to the inspection taking place within the first full week of school, it was not securely in place at the time of the inspection hence the additional statement that standards may be declining. I am confident that the curriculum we offer at Capenhurst provides opportunities for children to secure basic skills whilst also providing scope for them to learn a range of topics, gather a wealth of knowledge and develop all the skills necessary to be successful in future life. The plans are being worked on as intended and staff are fully committed to this task.

Other areas identified for improvement were also already on the school improvement plan with work having started to improve phonics and reading in July and I would like to thank Friends of Capenhurst for their generous financial support in match-funding the purchase of new reading books for our children to use at home and in guided reading sessions at school. Our work to embed good practice in maths will also continue.

Inspections are a valuable tool for school improvement and also provide schools with the opportunity to demonstrate what they do well. It is pleasing to read the opening section of the report where it states:

‘Parents and carers, and pupils value the sense of family at this small school. Staff have a nurturing approach. Pupils feel at ease in the school. They are happy and safe.’



The inspectors clearly identified the strongest part of our school – its community and sense of family. Every family has its ups and downs, its strength lies in pulling together and supporting each other – something which is definitely the case at Capenhurst and why I feel it is a privilege to be the head teacher of the school. The inspectors were impressed at the strength of support from you, our families, and the staff, governors and I would like to thank you for taking the time to make your voices heard. As the plans that we have already started working on come to fruition, we will be able to demonstrate that we have secured the improvements identified. This will be achieved through working together and continuing to make sure the needs of the children continue to come first.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Claire Green'.

Mrs Claire Green
Headteacher