

Grampound with Creed C of E School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family are keeping well and that your child is enjoying the Summer Term so far.

I am writing to you today with regards to the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection which took place on 22nd and 23rd March. I am very disappointed to inform you that we received an overall rating of 'inadequate', having received 'requires improvement' in four categories and 'inadequate' in leadership and management.

First of all, I would like to apologise for the findings of this report, Celtic Cross Education and I take full responsibility for the shortcomings highlighted. Ensuring that our pupils receive a top-quality education; have access to a range of opportunities; and are able to feel safe and secure in school is all of pivotal importance to us all at Grampound with Creed. While we do not feel that the report wholly reflects daily life at our school, on this occasion we have failed to meet the high standards we set for ourselves, and that our community rightfully expects and deserves.

- As you know, I have recently been diagnosed with a serious health condition, which I was unknowingly suffering from at the time of inspection. This comes off the back of a challenging few years, not just for our school, but for the education sector as a whole. I hope this helps to give you some context to the circumstances under which this inspection took place, as I was not well enough to give the right level of challenge to the inspectors at the time. Going forward, Lizzie Grubb will be taking on greater responsibility within the school, to provide that additional support and oversight where I am unable to work as I usually would. She will be non-teaching with immediate effect to support the school with Miss Evens taking on the full responsibility for Lostledan class. Despite Miss Evens usually being employed as a HLTA, she holds Qualified Teacher Status.

Furthermore, as you have also been made aware, from September Grampound with Creed CofE School will be part of the Rainbow Multi-Academy Trust. While this won't impact the day-to-day running of our school, it will provide a fresh approach to some of our overarching leadership structures, as well as offering additional support and expertise as we implement these improvements. I want to reassure you that Grampound with Creed CofE School is entirely dedicated to offering high-quality provision to all our pupils, and to quickly embedding long term changes that ensure the necessary lessons are learnt.

I want to assure you that all our staff are taking this outcome extremely seriously, and we immediately enacted a number of actions to make swift improvements across our school following the inspection. Some of these include:

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- An external review of safeguarding measures was conducted and an action plan was developed, which includes plans to strengthen the site security of the school and village hall through perimeter fencing and locking systems. Meanwhile, The Rainbow Multi-Academy Trust will be providing safeguarding support with their Trust Lead this academic term, which will include further training for staff and sharing best practice, as well as monitoring of the action plan. We are pleased to share that since the inspection we have conducted a pupil survey, where our safeguarding measures scored very highly, indicating that the improvements are well underway.
- The Rainbow Multi-Academy Trust has also sourced an experienced school improvement partner from an Outstanding School to complete a review on all curriculum areas. An action plan will be formulated and implemented following this.
- A review of Reading has already been undertaken by the English Hub and staff across the school have received support and will be receiving further training in reading initiatives and delivering reading lessons.

There will be an opportunity to discuss the Ofsted report, and any concerns you may have, at a meeting at the school on Wednesday 15th June at 16:30, where we would really appreciate your feedback and input. If you are able to join, please confirm by Tuesday 14th June by emailing the school on grampoundwithcreed.secretary@celticcross.education

However, feel free to get in touch if you are not able to attend the meeting and Mrs Grubb would be more than happy to schedule another time to speak with you.

Finally, Mrs Grubb and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support, which is central to our school. We know there has been a lot of news to process over the last few days, but please know that our school community is as strong and committed as ever, and that we are looking forward to the chapter ahead.

With very best wishes,

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