

NORTHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We were delighted to welcome Janet Pearce and her team of HMI Inspectors to our school for the recent Section 5 Ofsted inspection on 11th and 12th January. Janet and the team were incredibly impressed with how the leadership team has worked hard to drive significant change and improvement since the last full inspection. We are absolutely delighted to inform you that the team judged Northgate Primary School to be good in all areas.

As a school we have all worked hard to ensure there is a clear and consistent approach to the teaching of reading. Inspectors could see the transformation to the teaching of phonics since the inspection in June 2021, reading is now a strength of the school and children are making good progress.

The new Ofsted framework has a significant focus on support for children with SEND and the team were very positive about the provision for all children, especially those with SEND. Our inclusivity was another strength and the team used the phrase 'bowled over' by how inclusive we are as a school.

The inspectors spoke to many children throughout the two-day inspection and observed lessons in all year groups. We are most proud that the team recognised how much we value the voice of the child and how highly the children spoke about their positive experiences at school.

The inspectors were also happy with how aligned our Governing Body are with the school's priorities.

Northgate Primary School has been on a rapid improvement journey to 'good' and we are extremely proud of the staff team, children and governors who have worked so hard, not letting the global pandemic be a deterrent to school improvement.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent view questionnaire, for your comments and honesty and for all the support you give to your children and us as a school.

Yours truly,

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Mrs Amanda Harrison (Headteacher) and Mrs Sarah James (Chair of Governors)