

## **Moor First School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is now three months since we had our OFSTED Inspection so we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the actions of our staff and governors:

- Productive meetings have been held between staff and governors.
- The school action plan has been updated to reflect our areas for development and a cycle of monitoring has been put in place to ensure progress.
- TWINKL phonics has been contacted regarding the contents of the scheme and the issues posed by OFSTED. Following this further training has taken place regarding the scheme.
- Training has been booked for the summer term with regard to supporting all staff and helpers when listening to the lowest 20% of readers who need help to purely decode.
- Early years planning and lesson objectives have been confirmed as being in line with the Early Years Framework introduced in 2021. This, along with how activities are linked to the curriculum will be checked by our School Improvement Partner during a 'deep dive' during the summer term after which further developments will be put into place. Please note that inspectors did not look at books or Tapestry during the inspection or question early years staff.
- All staff are working hard to show a more sequential learning journey in the foundation subjects whereby each lesson is connected to previous learning and children are challenged through questioning to develop their understanding of difficult concepts.
- Learning walks will take place by senior leaders regularly in order to ensure that Continual Professional Development (CPD) is having a measurable impact and thus there is a consistent approach to teaching and learning across the school.
- Training has commenced for foundation subject leaders with further training to take place over the remainder of this school year and into the next. Increased deep dives have been timetabled to give these middle leaders the necessary skills to develop their foundation subject areas.
- Plans are in place to ensure that the assessment of foundation subjects are brought in line with that of the core subjects of English and maths.

• Governors are meeting with senior leaders every half term to discuss progress and how school can be supported and challenged on its journey.

Continuing to be 'good' in those aspects as stated in the report we will continue to ensure that our behaviour/personal development will continue to thrive and further enrich the experiences of our children.

We thank you for your continued support and will continue to work with yourselves, our school staff and community to prove that we are challenging ourselves to become the best we can be! As ever, 'Together we unlock potential and learn for life'.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mayes and Mrs Atherton Co-Headteachers

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