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'Care, Achieve, Respect, Enjoy'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find attached the HMI's (Her Majesty Inspector) letter, following the monitoring visit on the 7th and 8th November. Susan Aykin spent time at both sites during the two days, making judgements on how swiftly the Leadership and Management are tackling the areas identified for improvement following the Ofsted inspection in November 2017.

The purpose of the HMI visit is to make a single judgement, with two possible outcomes:

- leaders and managers **are** taking effective action towards the removal of the serious weaknesses designation
- leaders and managers **are not** taking effective action towards the removal of the serious weaknesses designation.

I am delighted that in the letter, Susan Aykin, confirms that 'senior leaders and governors are taking effective action'. This letter is available on the school website and the Ofsted website from 26th November.

Although leaders strongly believe that Surrey Hills is a 'good' school, the 'serious weaknesses' judgement will not be removed until there is a full section 5 inspection by Ofsted.

The monitoring letter is positive and notes 'Senior leaders and governors have addressed with urgency the issues raised in the inspection report, resulting in sharpened safeguarding practices.' She also notes, 'In collaboration with the local authority safeguarding lead, the school has completely revised the procedure for assessing the risk of adults who work at the school when facing allegations.' Pupils are kept safe as 'Safeguarding leaders are tenacious in re-referring cases where pupils are identified as being at risk of harm. Safeguarding documentation is securely maintained and reviewed frequently to ensure that every single child at the school is safe.'

When pupils spoke to Susan Aykin, it was lovely to hear, 'One pupil in Year 2 commented that the school was perfect, and this was echoed by many other pupils.' In addition, 'As stated in the previous report, pupils say that bullying is very rare and if it does happen, staff resolve issues quickly and effectively.' During the learning walks at both sites, the HMI inspector commented positively on the



'very strong working relationships' between staff and pupils 'which create a harmonious learning atmosphere.'

Once again, I would like to re-iterate how proud I am of our pupils. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and IEB for their hard work and the commitment they have shown to improving outcomes for the children. I would also like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards



Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher

