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Dear Parents/Carers,

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School - Ofsted Report Publication

It is with great pleasure that I can inform you that our Ofsted report (from the visit on 22nd and 23rd March) is now live. A copy of the full Inspection report will be available on our school website.



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The Inspectors were very complimentary about the school, our staff and our pupils during the two-day inspection and graded the school as "GOOD" in all areas. I have included a selection of headline findings from the report below:

- "Leaders have high aspirations for every pupil"
- "Pupils understand and follow the school values of Respect, Aspire, Believe, Commit."
- "Warm and respectful relationships characterise life at this school. Pupils are happy and safe. Pupils value the support staff give them"
- "The extra-curricular programme is rich and diverse"
- Leaders have developed a substantially ambitious and well sequenced curriculum that starts in Year 7 and runs through to the Sixth Form"
- "Leaders have a well-planned programme of personal, social, health and economic education"
- "All pupils receive unbiased information on potential next steps and high-quality Careers guidance"
- "Safeguarding is embedded in the school culture"
- "Leaders actions to improve the curriculum have led to improved pupil outcomes by the end of key stage 4"

The report recognises the many strengths of Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School and the progress that has been made since the previous short Inspection in 2019. As a school, we have worked diligently to address the areas for improvement given in the last Inspection and now feel that this Inspection offers us a really strong platform for continued success. We shall continue to offer and create excellent opportunities for all our pupils – education without exception.

During the Inspection, four subjects were "deep dived" by the Inspectors. During the scrutiny of these subject areas, our whole school curriculum was commended as "ambitious". The report also recognised the work of leaders to evaluate and constantly improve the curriculum and identify the "key knowledge that pupils need to learn in order to successfully build future learning". Our personal development curriculum was also commended - it "helps pupils to be well prepared for the "challenges that they may face in the wider world".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, pupils and parents for their ongoing commitment to Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School. Moving forward, we are fully committed to maintaining these high standards and to providing the best possible opportunities for our pupils. We recognise that importance of further developing our partnership with parents, carers and the local community and will be working hard to provide opportunities for increased engagement. A key part of this will be development of our website and social media links as well as face to face parental workshops and regular consultation with our parent forum.

Many thanks,

Mr R Prime Headteacher

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