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Please register your views on OFSTED PARENT VIEW

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

and

respond to attached school survey.

THANK YOU

16th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

NOTIFICATION OF OFSTED-STYLE INSPECTION

Seven years ago we were delighted to inform you that Ofsted had judged the school to be Outstanding during the inspection carried out on 9th December 2009. Since that time, the school has worked tirelessly to maintain and further improve upon these very high standards, whilst also meeting the ongoing challenges of completing expansion to a full three-form entry school, introducing the new national Primary Curriculum and a new national assessment system.

But, how do we know that we are still an outstanding school?

Ofsted's view: Ofsted is still satisfied about the quality of education provided at BHJS and has seen no reason to return to re-inspect (although the school could, of course, be subject to a random inspection at any time). Ofsted regularly checks the school's performance data and other public information about the school, such as Parent View, and monitors the information published on the school website.

The school's view: Throughout each academic year, the school carries out its own rigorous self-evaluation taking into account the four areas listed in Ofsted's "Common Inspection Framework":

- Effectiveness of leadership and management
- Quality of teaching, learning and assessment
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare
- Outcomes for children and learners.

The judgements made by the school in all these categories are monitored and challenged both by the Governing Body and also by our externally appointed School Improvement Partner (SIP) who formally visits the school on a termly basis.

An external view: This year, with the appointment of a new SIP who until very recently was also a practising Ofsted Inspector, we have requested that he use this Spring Term visit to carry out an Ofsted-style Inspection, which we think will be both an opportune and beneficial exercise for the school to obtain an up-to-date external perspective on how the school is performing.

PARENTAL INPUT

Ofsted Parent View: As part of the process, the SIP will be interested to learn the views of parents. To this end, we would like you to register your views on Parent View. This is a quick and simple exercise requiring you to respond to a short on-line questionnaire with 12 statements about the school by ticking “*strongly agree*”, “*agree*” “*disagree*” “*strongly disagree*” or “*don’t know*”.

Please complete this directly via <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> or through the link on the school website. (This is an annual exercise, so we would request that you register your views even if you have already done so in previous years – thank you).

School Questionnaire: Having completed the Parent View survey, you may welcome the opportunity to provide a more detailed response on certain aspects of school life. We certainly find it extremely useful to hear what you consider to be the strengths of the school, or the areas you would like to see improved. To this end, we attach the school’s own simple questionnaire and invite you to give us your views. You can return this to the school either as a paper copy or by email to admin@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk

DEADLINES

Please could you register your views on Parent View and complete the school’s questionnaire by half term (Friday 10th February). We are hoping to hear back from parents and carers across all year groups and classes, so that we can build-up a truly wide-ranging and representative understanding of how you feel about our school.

FEEDBACK

Governors will write to you later on in the school year to let you have the SIP’s findings from the Ofsted-style inspection, and also summarised feedback of your views about the school.

We look forward to hearing from you,
Yours sincerely,



Sian Kilpatrick
Headteacher



Mary Liming
Chair of Governors

Please note: Parent View and the school questionnaire do not, of course, replace everyday communication with the school. The class teachers, who are involved with your children on a day-to-day basis, are always happy to discuss any concerns with you. Discussions can be face-to-face or by telephone, whichever is more convenient for you and the member of staff. If a matter cannot be resolved, please contact the office staff to arrange a meeting or phone conversation with Mrs. Kilpatrick.

BERNARDS HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL
Annual Parental Survey Spring Term 2017

YOUR NAME

CHILD'S CLASS

CHILD'S GENDER: GIRL / BOY

1. Aspects which I consider to be strengths at the school, and would like to see continued:

2. Aspects I would like the school to consider for the future, or which I think could be improved:

Please send your response by FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2017
either by email to admin@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk
or by paper copy to the school office.

THANK YOU