Rickmansworth Park
JMI School

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Dear Parents,

Having read the Ofsted report which comes with this letter, it was easy to recognise the very positive and well-deserved opening paragraphs as a true reflection of the school we know.

We do however find it very difficult to accept, or even recognise, the comments made around the teaching of mathematics and handwriting and presentation.

As a Governing Body, we are robust in our scrutiny of all areas of the curriculum. We receive regular written reports and our meetings include updates presented by the Head and Subject Leaders in person. We rigorously question what we are told, we look at the children's books and last year we came to the Maths Open Morning where there was an open invitation to join in any maths lesson in the school. As a result of these on-going updates, assessments and reviews, we feel totally confident about the quality of teaching and the way in which maths is delivered in our school. This view was strengthened further following the recent visit from an Independent Maths Specialist and Headteacher Consultant on 14.11.18. It is because we feel so strongly about this that we have asked the issue to be raised with Ofsted.

We, the Governors, do not often get the opportunity to tell parents how highly we regard all the staff in our school. Their commitment to the children's wellbeing and learning, and the passion and energy they bring every day, is something of which we are rightly very proud.

The Governing Body would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the entire staff for the unstinting work they put in to make our school the vibrant, caring, learning community that it is.

Regards,

Loretto O'Donoghue

On behalf of the Governing Body of Rickmansworth Park JMI School