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Dear Parents / Carers,

Ofsted Inspection Report

Please find attached our report from our Ofsted inspection in June 2022. This has not been delayed by any problems, it is a process which takes time to complete, and was delayed by the summer holidays.

Things that we should **all** be proud of and celebrate from the Ofsted Inspection (these are direct quotes):

-  *Leaders know the school well. They are ambitious in their vision for the school.*
-  *Leaders have established a well-thought-through curriculum.*
-  *Pupils feel well cared for and looked after.*
-  *Pupils enjoy their learning.*
-  *Pupils are well supported to learn to read effectively.*
-  *Pupils are polite, well behaved, and supportive of others.*
-  *They concentrate in class and listen well to their teachers.*
-  *Pupils are well motivated.*
-  *Playtime is a happy time.*
-  *There is a wide range of extra-curricular clubs.*
-  *Leaders ensure that a wide range of care and services are in place for pupils who need additional support.*
-  *Pupils with special educational needs are well supported to access learning.*
-  *The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff are knowledgeable about safeguarding.*
-  *Behaviour and attitudes are good.*

However, as you can see our school is still overall Requires Improvement, and we have 3 key areas to improve.

1. Teachers planning, knowledge, skills and confidence.

We have recently recruited and appointed several new teachers with more curriculum expertise. Miss. Khatri, supported by Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Mizeret and other key staff have reviewed and improved our planning. We have completed a lot of staff training focused on consistently good teaching and learning.

2. The quality of pupils' writing is too varied across the school.

We are investing in training for our teachers and teaching assistants on how we can improve our children's writing through our reading lessons and class reading books.

3. Leadership of the curriculum is underdeveloped.

We are improving curriculum leadership this year. We have recruited Mrs. Buck, an experienced teacher to lead Maths and Music. Miss. Smith is becoming our Art / D.T. Leader, Mr. Moore as he becomes more experienced will lead Computing (one of his passions), and Mr. Russell as you can see is going from strength to strength as a P.E. Leader. Already Miss Khatri (overall curriculum) and Mrs. Hayes (English leader) provide strong curriculum leadership.



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Please be reassured that I and the rest of the Phoenix team are not satisfied with Requires Improvement, we want Phoenix to continue to flourish and become a good school. The school as you and your children have seen and experienced, has greatly improved in the last 12 months. This has been through the hard work and determination of our staff team, a lot of support from our Academy Trust, and with your help. This year we will continue with this rapid improvement.

In July 2021 and September 2021, when asked, you were concerned about:

1. Leadership of the school
2. Behaviour of children
3. Provision for children with Special Needs

Ofsted in June 2022 did not identify these as concerns – we listened, we changed and improved things. We are also very grateful for the support you have given us as a school during this time of change and improvement.

Therefore, I can sincerely say our mission and vision for this year is that Phoenix St. Peter will continue to change, improve and grow into a consistently good school for your children and our community.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Matthew Jordan
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