

6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to welcome all students back to school and wish you a happy 2022. The past 18 months has been challenging for us all and sadly we have seen an increase in Covid 19 impact. Please be assured that we continue to work to ensure that the disruption to the education of young people is kept to a minimum.

I was extremely pleased that we were able to remain open to all year groups in the lead up to Christmas, particularly as many other local schools were forced to send year groups home due to staffing. I will be monitoring our situation on a daily basis and will keep you updated on any changes that we may need to make. In the meantime, if you could please ensure that your child is provided with face coverings on a daily basis (unless exempt). Government guidance remains that the vaccine is still the most effective way to protect against the virus, but this of course remains parental choice. I strongly encourage you to regularly test for Covid so that we can continue to keep everyone safe and have minimal mass disruption to learning.

You will recall that in November we were visited by Ofsted in a Section 5. This was a 2 day visit with 4 inspectors visiting for both days. Whilst this inspection was slightly earlier than planned or anticipated, I am pleased that we were able to demonstrate the positive developments and improvements that have been made since the last inspection.

I attach a link to our final report and encourage you to read the comments made rather than stopping at the front page. Sadly it was felt that it was too early to move the school from a Requires Improvement judgement, but I am sure you will agree that the body of the report shows the clear and rapid improvements that are being made. Cleeve Park is on a clear journey of improvement and the comments made reflect that.

The school has been through an enormous amount of change in the last 18 months. Not only have we had changes in the way children are taught and assessed, but the rolling changes of Covid are being seen every day with attendance, safeguarding and mental health of both students and staff. As a school we are working hard to minimise the impact that has been felt, and as a result the outcome of this inspection should be seen as positive.

By its nature, the report does not list or explain all the positives that the inspection team saw. Aside from this final written report, I think it is important to share with you the comments that we received during the feedback meetings from the inspectors.

- **“Learning journeys are well sequenced...common strengths across subjects”:** our expectations and ambition for the students is high. Parents will recall the work that has been done on our learning journeys that are available on our website.

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- **“Sense of shared ownership within the staff; shared vision”:** All of the staff at Cleeve Park want the very best for our students.
- **“Children and staff feel that behaviour is improving”** Through talking to students the inspectors could see that the students value the steps we have taken to minimise poor behaviour.
- **Movement around school is orderly & calm - there are no tensions:** Inspectors spent time walking the corridors during lesson changeover and at social times. They felt that the students were closely monitored and their behaviour was good.
- **“Tenacious tracking & monitoring of attendance/alternative provision/safeguarding”:** Inspectors felt that our safeguarding processes were strong ensuring that we are very robust in our tracking of young people when they are in school and when they are not.
- **“Students know “it is ok to be different”** Inspectors could see that our inclusive culture and encouragement of students to be individuals was widely recognised with the students and they felt comfortable with who they are and the support they received.

I would like to thank the students and staff of our school who, not only on the inspection days, but every day, show their commitment to education.

I look forward to Cleeve Park continuing its journey to Outstanding. I am confident that working together will see the ongoing change that is needed.

Kind regards



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