Spire Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our inspection in July 2026, please see the link below in order to access our most recent Ofsted inspection report on our school website:

Spire Junior School - Ofsted and Performance Data

We are proud to share some of the statements below regarding 'What it's like to be a pupil at this school', which celebrate the work of #TeamSpire:

'At the start of each day, pupils are welcomed into a friendly and supportive environment, where staff care for them. Pupils feel happy and safe at Spire Junior School. Staff build warm and positive relationships with pupils. Pupils know that staff will listen to them if they have a concern. Pupils benefit from wider experiences through after-school clubs, including football, construction and cheer leading clubs. They enjoy their leadership roles. For example, as a Global Guardian, pupils help the school to become plastic free and ensure that pupils and staff turn off the lights. Such opportunities help pupils to be prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils know and understand the school's 'SPIRE' values, which are to be supportive, polite, inclusive, resilient and enthusiastic. Pupils are polite and many will ask adults if they are having a good day…Pupils understand the need to respect and be kind to others.'

Whilst we are pleased with these comments, and many other statements made in the report which highlight our hard work, the children's strengths and the elements of our Spire team (which make us who we are as a school), we have been through a challenging process together. You may have noticed a delay in the publication of the report whilst we worked through the complaints process with Ofsted following the inspection, which has been supported by our Governing Board. Unfortunately, we are not the only school in this position as of late, as you may have seen in the news.

As the Headteacher of this school, who sees the hard work and commitment of our staff and children every day, I feel that there are areas of strength in the school which have not been fully highlighted and celebrated by the inspection process – a feeling which I know is echoed within the Spire family.

However, just as there is more to a child's education than the SATs scores they achieve, there is more to our story than one Ofsted report.

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We will continue to work hard and passionately for all of our children and families following the inspection, and continue to drive school improvement forward as a team. This includes working proactively on our next steps in order to raise our KS2 attainment data and ensure further consistency throughout school.

In the meantime, please join me in celebrating the successes and strengths of our school community, and most notably, our wonderful staff, who go above and beyond for our families, and your families, every single day.

Kind regards,

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Mrs Vernon
Headteacher