Our Ref. MMc / DMB 4th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may remember that Ofsted visited school at the end of February to complete a joint inspection of both day and residential provision. The inspection process was a demanding and challenging time for school and the Governing Board. The inspection framework has changed significantly since school was last inspected in 2017, when the Outstanding judgement was retained for a second successive time. We were ready for the challenge of inspection and confident to show the inspection team how school has continued to develop, enhance provision and gain positive outcomes for pupils.

The resulting school inspection report, which will follow this letter, reads positively in a number of key areas including ‘Behaviour and Attitudes’ and ‘Personal Development’:

\* Pupils are happy and safe at Greenbank School. They told inspectors that staff support them well. This helps pupils to believe in themselves.

\* Pupils described the many ‘fun’ activities that they experience at school or in the residential provision after school, such as learning to shop or cook for themselves. Pupils benefit from these, and other, carefully selected opportunities. They grow in confidence and independence.

\* The school is a calm and harmonious place. Pupils get on well with each other. They learn how to respect each other’s differences and points of view. Leaders quickly identify any incidents of bullying and deal with them well.

\* Leaders have high expectations for pupils’ behaviour and attitudes to school. Pupils are polite and respectful. They embrace the welcoming and supportive culture that leaders have established. Pupils can be trusted to move around the school independently and safely.

**Our arrangements for Safeguarding are effective. Children are safe.**

In other inspection judgement areas, including ‘The Quality of Education’ and therefore ‘Leadership and Management’ the inspection report has judged that school requires to improve these areas, which has determined the overall school effectiveness judgement.

What Happens Next?

It is important to read the report in full, recognising and acknowledging the positive outcomes for your child and set this against your experience of school and how your child has grown, developed and progressed whilst at Greenbank School.

The staff and Governing Board are determined to drive forward improvements that will emphasise and develop the curriculum.

Some judgements made by the inspection team were already recognised by school and included in the School Development Plan. This Plan has been updated further, post inspection, in order to continue the improvement drive.

I will share with pupils the outcome of the report and explain our response as a school community.

School should receive a monitoring visit within 6-12 months and a full inspection within 30 months. This is part of the agreed process under the inspection process in its current form.

Our vision of ‘Learning and Succeeding Together’ remains as strong as ever. I know how important Greenbank School is to all our pupils, families and staff. I hope the school report provides positive messages together with the issues school will improve on going forward. School is waiting for the Residential report. Residential provision is inspected annually. I would like to provide an opportunity for parents and carers to discuss the report by holding a meeting at Greenbank School. I am currently talking to the Governing Board to secure a date and will share this with you at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support and positive contributions to school. It makes a difference.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**

**Head Teacher**