

November, 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find attached a copy of the Full Inspection Report following the school's Ofsted visit on 6th and 7th October, 2011.

The Governing Body and the staff found the experience to be a necessarily rigorous examination of policies and procedures and yet a fair and sensitive appraisal of the school's recent developments. The consultative nature of the Inspection enabled the school to be involved in shaping the investigative framework for the visit and, through interim discussions with the Inspectors, having an input into the findings.

As a result, we are happy with the highly positive tenor of the report and feel that it is an accurate reflection of the school's "journey" towards improvement in all areas of educational provision.

Weald Community Primary School emerges as ***a good school with outstanding attainment and achievement***. Furthermore, *"pupils' good personal skills are underpinned and promoted by outstanding care, guidance and support by all the staff"*. The single recommendation relates to more effective use of *"assessment information"*; a need that *"the school has recognised"* within its improvement and raising attainment plans.

The Lead Inspector was keen to stress that a large number of innovative strategies had been initiated: for example; the development of thinking skills and emotional intelligence, the *"effective distribution of leadership roles"*, the "recently established Parents' Forum and the Joint Curriculum Project with Kanthenga School, Malawi. She emphasised that these and other areas of creativity would require a little more time to be embedded and evaluated fully but was confident that they would lead to further outstanding provision in due course. In addition, she was most impressed with the eloquently expressed, complimentary comments made by the *"overwhelming majority"* of parents on the Inspection questionnaires.

The last page of the attached report is a letter to pupils; you may wish to sit down with your child(ren) and read this together.

Please rest assured that we will continue to respond to the detailed critique of the Inspection as part of the school's self-evaluation and school improvement process.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the Inspection Report, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Kindest regards,

Mr. D. Pyle

