



# LONG MEAD

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 1st and 2nd April 2025. A copy of the full inspection report is enclosed with this letter and is also available on our website.

We are proud that the report recognises many of the strengths of Long Mead and reflects the hard work of our staff, pupils and wider school community. Inspectors praised the calm, purposeful and caring environment we have built, noting that our pupils enjoy school, behave well and feel safe. They highlighted the positive relationships between staff and pupils, and the wide range of opportunities we offer to help children develop their talents and interests, from sport and music to leadership roles and clubs.

We are particularly pleased that Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management, and Early Years Provision were all judged as **Good**. These are important aspects of school life and it is very encouraging that the inspectors recognised our commitment to developing confident, respectful and well-rounded children who are ready for the next stage of their education.

As a school, we are fully committed to ensuring the highest standards in all areas, and the inspection identified key next steps for us to build on the improvements we have already made to our curriculum and the teaching of reading. These priorities are already part of our school development plan and are being implemented with determination and pace.

We are confident that the changes we have made – including the launch of an ambitious curriculum and high-quality staff training – are making a real difference. As these become further embedded, we will ensure that all children leave Long Mead with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to thrive.

We thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school's journey. If you have any questions about the report or would like to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes,  
Yours sincerely,

Karen Follows  
Headteacher

Jane Prideaux  
Chair of Governors