



# West Park

*'A caring school where we put pupils and their achievement first'*

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Dear West Park Families

It has been quite a busy week this week! We are all certainly ready for the weekend!

Our Ofsted inspection took place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with a team of inspectors interacting with us and visiting our school. We cannot share any outcomes until the report is published in 30 days' time, but I can honestly say that this week has been one of my proudest in any Headship that I have done.

We haven't focussed on Ofsted visiting as a school, as I was determined to let them experience two 'normal' days in our school and I can honestly say that this was the case (once my heart rate eventually came down from 180 beats per minute when I took their initial phone call!). Staff went about their work in their usual professional and positive way, and they were more than happy to talk to the Ofsted team about their experience of West Park. There was a real camaraderie about the place and you could feel the West Park family in action. This was backed up by input and support from our committed and caring team of Trustees.

Your amazing children are a massive part of the West Park family. I explained this in my initial phone call with the HMI inspector on Monday and stressed it throughout the inspection. I didn't need to! Every one of our fantastic pupils played a part. Whether it was talking to inspectors, holding the door open for others, behaving impressively on the field or working diligently in lessons, I am super proud of every single one of them. These children will be at the forefront of shaping society in the near future and I feel so lucky to be able to support their growth and development in the years to come. A particular highlight took place when I was with one of the inspectors and a Year 10 pupil passed us and declared, 'isn't it a fine morning today, Mr McGregor?' This does not reflect our normal conversations but they were pulling out all the stops to support me and the school.

My final thanks goes to you as parents and carers. We strive to do the best for your children, but we are in no way perfect and I am very aware that at times, we can get things wrong. Yet, through the highs and lows of school life, you stand beside us, working in partnership for our incredible children. I will never forget your messages of support, contributions to parent surveys, conversations with the inspection team and the encouragement that you have given us this week.

Walking home on Monday night, a couple out walking their dog shouted across the road to me, 'hope that it goes brilliantly, you deserve it!' (I hope they were talking about Ofsted rather than my ability to complete my walk home!).

Have a cracking weekend everyone; I can't wait to work alongside you on West Park's next chapter.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott McGregor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott McGregor  
Head