

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to you as the Chair of the Dormers Wells Learning Trust, in which Dormers Wells High School (DWHS) sits, in response to Ofsted's recently published report of their inspection of our school which took place on 30th November and 1st December 2021.

My fellow trustees and I are very pleased to report that Dormers Wells High School continues to be a good school. This outcome is a credit to the continued hard work of our Headteacher, Roisin Walsh, her senior leadership team and all the staff at the school. I encourage you all to read Ofsted's report. The trustees have read the report carefully and although the report does not identify any material areas in which the school might consider making changes, I can assure you that the trustee board, together with the school's local governing body, constantly reflect upon our strategy to further strengthen the quality of your child(ren)'s education.

I am sure you share the gratitude that the trustees have for the leadership team and all the staff at the school. This is particularly so given the timing of the inspection at the start of this academic year. We all know that the pandemic has impacted on us in collective and individual ways and continues to do so. Our pupils – your child(ren) - are still making real progress academically and their pastoral needs are met effectively at the school.

The report notes in particular the ambition and high expectations that leaders and trustees have for every pupil. The trustees are particularly proud that the school delivers for all pupils and that there are no significant gaps in attainment between groups whether by ethnic background or indicators of disadvantage. I was delighted to read the reference in the report to the school rejoicing in its diversity. Teachers design lessons which reflect the range of cultures within the school community and goes on to note that pupils' learning often goes beyond the national curriculum. This chimes with our aim to educate DWHS pupils so that they are equipped to not only confidently face the challenges that the future will inevitably bring but to embrace any opportunities too.

I know that the pandemic has made the transition from primary school more challenging for many of our Year 7 and 8 pupils, so I am excited that all pupils are now back together as a supportive community in school. I am confident that your child(ren) will continue to take these uncertain times in their stride under the custodianship of our Headteacher and all our



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excellent teaching staff. We look forward to working together with your support to helping our young people realise their full potential.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Anderson
Chair of Trustees



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