



Brighstone C.E Aided Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

On 10th and 11th February 2021, we had an additional remote monitoring inspection by two of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. The purpose of the inspection was to look at the actions that have been taken to provide education to all pupils during the current pandemic, particularly during the most recent lockdown.

We are pleased to share a copy of the Ofsted report, which states that, at Brighstone, '**Leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances**'.

Although the letter does not change the school's current judgment of 'requires improvement', the inspectors did identify the many positive improvements that have taken place since the previous inspection, and especially so during the past few months.

There are many positives to draw from the report, including:

- Leaders have made sure that all pupils who need technology to help them learn at home have the resources they need.
- Leaders continually check that all pupils learn a carefully sequenced curriculum in Mathematics and English.
- Teachers monitor pupils' understanding before moving on to more difficult concepts.
- Leaders are committed to doing all they can do to support the most vulnerable pupils.
- Relationships between staff, pupils and their families have continued to flourish during this period of lockdown.
- The teaching of phonics remains a high priority for the school.
- Most pupils with SEND attended school. For those pupils working at home, the SENCo provides 'learning packs' which include personalised timetables, resources and bespoke tasks.

A big thank you needs to go to all the children, parents, families, staff and governors for their hard work over the past year, and in particular over the period of this most recent lockdown. Thank you in particular to the parents who left some very heart-warming comments about the school. Brighstone is a fantastic place for our children and we should all be proud of the achievements being made.

We are looking forward to building on this positivity and working with all stakeholders to continue to make Brighstone Primary School a place where everyone is enabled to thrive and flourish in their own unique way!

With best wishes,

Mrs Rebecca Lennon
Headteacher