



# John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School

Part of the Aylsham Learning Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, we had an Ofsted Section 8 inspection at the beginning of March. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the parents who contributed to the online parent view surveys and who talked to the inspectors. The children did us proud over the two days and they behaved brilliantly and the inspectors commented on how wonderful the children were and how confidently they spoke.

As with all schools ours is on a journey of improvement and as the report highlights we have 'implemented changes which are improving the quality of education'. Our School Improvement and Development plan already identified all the areas that the report outlines and we have already made significant strides in addressing these things. The recommendations from the inspectors validate all the plans that we have in place to ensure that we can give the best education to your children

A school that is judged as 'requires improvement' is a school that has not achieved an overall 'good' but provides an acceptable standard of education. We were really pleased that the inspectors recognised that the behaviour of our children is good and that the personal development of the children is also good. We know that if we have well behaved and happy children they are in the best place to make the most of their learning.

Our staff are committed to continually improving their practice by accessing professional development through a wide variety of sources and will continue to do so. Our teachers will also be visiting other schools in order to look outwards so we can develop the best practise for children across all the age ranges.

We have great support across the federation and we continue to work very closely together. Senior leaders are working strategically to build on the foundations already laid.

If there is anything in the report that you would like to discuss then I am happy to meet with you.

I have absolute faith in the team here at John of Gaunt to move the school forwards and I am proud of their hard work and dedication to our school. We are always on a journey and learning never stops even for the teachers, as we strive to make John of Gaunt an even better school than it already is.

I hope that you will continue to support us and the children at John of Gaunt as we continue on our journey.

Yours sincerely

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