



Blackfordby St Margaret's C of E (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

On Friday 18th November we had a Section 8 Ofsted "Short Inspection" at school. This type of inspection is to check on progress since the last inspection we had in November 2015.

The Inspector carried out lesson observations, a book scrutiny, plumbed the depths of Action Plans and talked to the children. She also spoke to staff, as well as having separate meetings with Mrs Savage, Mr Wilson and myself. These meetings were intense and the Inspector was rigorous in her questioning. The staff put a huge amount of time into preparing to show just how much progress we have made as a team in the last 12 months and particularly since September, when Mrs Savage became our Associate Headteacher.

I am absolutely thrilled to tell you that due to the Herculean efforts made by all the staff at school and the Governing Body, the Inspector found that, "**Senior leaders and governors ARE taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the last section 5 Inspection**". This is HUGE! We have our sights raised high and will continue to move the school forward but the progress we are making in leaps and bounds has now been officially acknowledged - which is just wonderful! Please find the full letter from the Inspector attached.

Thank you all for the efforts you put in to support your children at school, parents really are such an important part of our school community. I am really proud to be part of this team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nikki Scully-Crane'.

Nikki Scully-Crane
Chair of Governors