



**BALAAM WOOD SCHOOL**  
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12 July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Ofsted Inspection Report May 2018**

The Governing Body along with the Headteacher are clearly disappointed with the final judgement and overall outcomes of the Inspection. We are still in contact with Ofsted in relation to the Inspection process. However, we are very pleased that the Inspectors identified many positive aspects of our school, which the Headteacher has shared with you in his letter.

As you are aware the Headteacher has been in post for only 14 months and the Ofsted Inspection focuses on the work of the school since the last inspection in January 2016. We have total confidence in the new Headteacher and senior team and agree with Ofsted that this team has the capacity to bring about further improvements.

*“The Headteacher and his senior team, all of whom are relatively new to their posts, have an accurate view of the school’s strengths and weaknesses. They have produced a strategic plan with challenging targets and clear milestones. Leaders have now started to accurately chart progress against these targets. These developments are relatively recent and indicate that current leaders have the capacity to bring about further improvement.”*

Whilst we acknowledge improvements in teaching and learning are needed we would like to give you recent progress data from the Department for Education (DfE) Performance tables.

- Progress 8 which is the key measure for all schools in England placed Balaam Wood in the Average category for progress of pupils. This is better than many schools in the area.
- Balaam Wood is placed in the top 23% of the 3,654 schools and academies in England for the Progress 8 score for ‘*the difference between school disadvantaged pupils (of which there are 82% at Balaam Wood) and England other (that is all non-disadvantaged pupils in England)*’

If you would like to meet with members of the Governing Body to discuss any aspect of the report, please contact Miss Wills, PA to Senior Leadership Team on 0121 464 9901.

We continue to remain dedicated and determined to ensure that Balaam Wood School provides the very best education for your child. Your support for your child, the Headteacher and school is essential.

Yours sincerely

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**Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body**

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