



Castleford Park Junior Academy

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Ofsted Inspection

Dear Parents/Carers,

Castleford Park Junior Academy Ofsted inspection report

Please find attached a copy of the academy's recent inspection report which will be published on the Ofsted website on Friday 4th November.

The academy was judged overall as a school requiring improvement. Just three weeks before the inspection, Ofsted issued a new framework with a revised set of criteria and higher expectations for **every** school across the country to achieve. Over the past two and a half years the academy has made necessary and significant changes to develop the whole school and move it from a very low achieving school to be equal with all schools nationally as at July 2015. All school data up to 2015 showed that good progress was being made in the quality of teaching, pupil progress and attainment compared to previously. See table below for published attainment data.

Reading, writing and maths combined Results – KS2 Tests	School			National		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Level 4 (expected)	56%	67%	77%	76%	78%	80%
Level 5 (more than expected)	15%	13%	25%	21%	23%	24%

The systems implemented over the recent past and the newly appointed leadership teams are now showing positive signs of sustained improvements for the school as a whole. However, they are 'green shoots' at present and in time will show a significant impact on pupil outcomes in all year groups. One very positive strength of the academy is your children. The inspection team gave recognition to their 'mature and respectful manner in lessons and around school' and noted they were 'happy and polite' and that 'positive mutual respect between pupils and adults' is evident.

In addition to the more challenging Inspection Framework, the government introduced a new National Curriculum in 2014 and significantly raised the expectation for the end of key stage assessments and national tests from June 2016. Nationally many (47%) Year 6 children across the country failed to achieve the new standard in reading, writing and maths, which was below the government's own target. As an improving school Park

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Healthy Schools

Junior pupils achieved 44% which although below the national average, is the highest percentage of all of the Castleford Pyramid schools. Up to the end of July 2016 all year groups made expected or better progress during the year, which is an improving picture.

The Academy now has a very **focussed** School Development Plan to address the areas for development that leaders identified at the end of the Summer term in July. Additional initiatives and procedures are in place to secure rapid improvement in order to achieve consistently 'good' teaching across school and improved outcomes for **all** pupils. Monitoring, evaluation and reviewing the work of the school will be timely and rigorously scrutinised by all leaders and the governing body to achieve the best possible educational experiences and achievements for all.

If you have any queries regarding this report please firstly speak with your child's class teacher. We have a very dedicated team of staff, governors and trustees who are fully committed to continual improvement in all aspects of the Academy's work and are here to support you and your child(ren)- so if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs B Townend- Executive Headteacher, Miss K Law – Headteacher

Mrs S Churm – Chair of Governors, Mrs R Davies – Vice Chair of Governors

