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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Ofsted Report - March 2019

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our recent inspection on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March. We are delighted to be able to share the final report with you.

The grades that can be awarded are: Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3) or Inadequate (4).

We are thrilled with the overall judgement of **OUTSTANDING** in all categories including: effectiveness of leadership and management; quality of teaching, learning and assessment; personal development, behaviour and welfare and the outcomes of pupils.

To achieve an Outstanding grade is an exceptional achievement, which acknowledges our journey since the school was judged as Inadequate in March 2015. Our outstanding success means that we are one of a very small percentage of schools nationally to have moved from Inadequate to Outstanding. What an incredible achievement!

The inspectors recognised that not only do we provide outstanding academic provision for our pupils but,

**"...there is clear ambition amongst staff for pupils to become the very best people that they can be. Pupil's wellbeing and welfare is given as high a priority as their academic achievement."**

We are pleased to share some of the key highlights from the report.

### **Effectiveness of leadership and management:**

- The comprehensive and well-organised school curriculum offers pupils a wide range of opportunities to learn. Pupils' enthusiasm and excitement for learning is palpable.

### **Quality of teaching and learning and assessment.**

- Highly effective teaching motivates pupils to achieve very well. As a result, pupils make substantial and sustained progress across a broad range of subjects.
- **Personal development and welfare**
- The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding.
- Pupils' conduct is exemplary in lessons, at playtimes and while moving around the school.





## **Outcomes**

- In each key stage and across the curriculum, current pupils are making very strong progress.

## **Early Years**

- School leaders' high aspirations and expectations apply as strongly to the early years as they do to the rest of the school.
- Because of highly effective teaching, learning and assessment, children make outstanding progress.

We have always felt that we have a unique school that *is* outstanding because it has been our determination to ensure that pupils make as much progress as possible both academically and personally. To have Ofsted confirm this and state that alongside outstanding academic outcomes Portway has, 'a significant positive effect upon the well-being of the children and families' is a truly wonderful achievement.

We hope that you will agree that the report is fantastic and reflects the hard work and dedication of the staff, pupils and families at Portway. We would like to thank staff for their commitment in ensuring that pupils are the 'best people that they can be'. We would like to extend our thanks to the school community including the governors for working together to achieve this outstanding recognition and helping us to achieve this remarkable success in a relatively short space of time and thank Portway families for their ongoing support.

As a school we are not complacent, it goes without saying that we will continue to strive to provide the best education we possibly can. We are always trying to improve and this fantastic Ofsted report will inspire us to do even better for our pupils in the future.

A copy of the report is attached and will be available on the Ofsted website. <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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