

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. I am writing to share an important update regarding Beckfoot Thornton's Ofsted grading. Following an inspection which took place on 13th and 14th September, we are pleased to share that the school has been graded as 'Good' in all areas.

I am particularly pleased that the report reflects the significant improvements made in multiple areas across the school in recent years, including our curriculum. It highlights that we have "high academic aspirations for all pupils" and recognised the school's "mantra of no child left behind [is] evident in the day-to-day experience of pupils".

The inspector's report highlighted many important aspects of life at Beckfoot Thornton, with some of the key insights including:

- The quality of education, which was praised; "The school has developed a well-sequenced curriculum that helps pupils to experience a high-quality education".
- The curriculum is well planned to ensure both "comprehensive coverage" and "opportunities to explore wider concepts".
- The teaching of reading was particularly praised, with teachers ensuring pupils have "access to a broad range of ambitious texts".
- The school is ambitious and "has significantly increased the number of pupils studying the English Baccalaureate suite, with an increasing number of pupils studying a modern foreign language".
- There is "high ambition" for pupils with SEND and some "study a bespoke curriculum that is very well suited to their needs".
- The school has a "calm and welcoming environment" that fosters "positive relationships between members of the school community" and "takes great care to support pupils' academic development and wider personal needs".
- Pupils' behaviour was deemed as "impressive" and the inspectors recognised their "pride in their school".
- The school offers extra-curricular activities which "broaden horizons for many pupils". These include "many sporting opportunities open to all pupils, such as rugby, football and trampolining" and "drama club, radio club and LGBTQ+ club".
- Inspectors commented that "pupils feel safe in school and have an adult to speak to should they need extra support".
- Finally, the report recognises that "the school and trust work closely together to secure improvement".

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The report is testament to all the hard work and dedication of our pupils and colleagues in school and across the Beckfoot Trust, as well as our parents, and wider school community.

I would like to thank the whole Beckfoot Thornton community for this important achievement. As a school, we will continue to build on this strong offer available at Beckfoot Thornton to keep providing an excellent education and supportive learning environment for your child.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Ofsted report, please contact:

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Trusselle', written in a cursive style.

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