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Dear Parents/Carers,

OFSTED - Rapid improvement at Colburn Community Primary School

As you are all aware, Colburn Community Primary School, welcomed Ofsted on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September 2025. We are now in a position to share the '**GOOD**' news.

OFSTED inspectors were very impressed with the **ALL** the improvements since the last inspection in September 2022.

As the Headteacher, I am incredibly proud of all the pupils and staff and it is wonderful to see the work that has gone on over the last two years to provide such a strong and caring ethos. The staff, pupils and parent surveys showed the immense support for the school which was a real strength during this inspection.

The inspection team were impressed with what they saw, stating the school was '*welcoming, happy and safe and that pupils are proud to attend.*' Inspectors observed that, '*Pupils are polite and demonstrate high levels of self-control.*'

Colburn Community Primary School, was rated 'Requires Improvement' in all areas at its previous Ofsted inspection in September 2022 *but* has now been assessed as '**GOOD**' in Quality of Education, Behaviour & Attitudes, Personal Development and Leadership, signifying a rapid and considerable improvement over a short space of time.

The latest Ofsted report also highlighted that pupils behave well due to consistent routines and the school's focus on social and emotional development, as a result, '*pupils rightly say that bullying is very rare and are confident staff would deal with it effectively should it occur.*'

In early years, inspectors stated that children are well cared for. They benefit from a safe, spacious and supportive place to learn. They highlighted that, '*staff take great care to ensure that children's individual needs are met. Parents appreciate this caring start to school life.*' Ofsted recognised the improvements in early years to date and agreed with our self-evaluation. They acknowledged the strength in leadership and management and they are confident that we can achieve a good judgement in the near future.

Over the last 2 years, we have swiftly improved our reading curriculum, with rapid improvement being made in early reading and phonics. The inspectors highlighted the way the school has prioritised reading since the previous inspection stating, '*reading is at the core of the curriculum. Staff teach reading well. They*



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teach phonics in a consistently effective way. There is a strong catch-up offer in place. As a result, pupils learn to read well.'

'The school's curriculum is ambitious and broad' and has been carefully mapped out to ensure that pupils build their knowledge well. 'Pupils enjoy the trips and visits that form the basis for learning each term'. In addition, 'all pupils have opportunities to represent the school in sporting competitions. This builds their confidence and their team skills.' This inclusivity is an aspect of school life which has been developed over the last 2 years.

Ofsted inspectors also acknowledged a continued improvement with SEND provision. They said, 'The school ensures that teachers successfully adapt learning activities for pupils with SEND. The school identifies the needs of these pupils well. Specialist staff are deployed to support these pupils. The effectiveness of this support is reviewed and shared with parents each term. Parents and carers say that communication from the school is well-timed and effective. This helps pupils with SEND to learn well.'

Mrs Vikki Hughes, Chair of Governors, in offering her congratulations, stated that: *"The governors are very proud of the dedication the team at Colburn Community Primary School show every day to improve the lives of the pupils in the school and this Ofsted report is a fantastic acknowledgement of the impact of this hard work."*

I look forward to working with staff, pupils, parents, and governors to achieve the next steps on our journey. Many thanks for your continued support; as ever we will continue to work hard to take the school forwards onto the next stage.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Abdo
Headteacher



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