

8th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached the report following from the recent Ofsted inspection of Farnborough Grange Nursey and Infants School.

Whilst we accept the judgement of the inspection team, we do not agree that it is an accurate representation of the school. We have complained to Ofsted at every stage of this process but, unfortunately, it has not had an impact on the final report. The school described in the report is not the school we see every day. Unfortunately, the inspection team did not share our view. The Good Shepherd Trust has had eight school inspections in the past fifteen months and this is the first outcome that has not agreed with our assessment. We have asked Ofsted to reinspect the school as soon as possible.

There are, however, positives in the report. Pupils are happy and safe at the school and 95% of parents would recommend Farnborough Grange to other parents. Leaders have high aspirations for all pupils and get to know families well. We are pleased that safeguarding has been seen to be effective across the school.

The outcomes for early years and key stage one in the summer were positive. The key stage one data was in-line or better than the national average and early years data is well above the national average. This backs up the progress made at the school in the past year.

We do not feel that that the inspection team considered that many of the staff and leaders were new to the school and had not fully settled in their roles as it was week three of the new academic year. This impacted on many judgements made in the report. We know that things have already improved as term has progressed.

We do, however, need to make sure that the Good Shepherd Trust, and the leaders at Farnborough Grange, respond to this report appropriately and quickly. We will be further strengthening governance to ensure we monitor the post-Ofsted Action Plan robustly. We will also provide extra leadership support and training in areas highlighted by the report.

Everyone associated with Farnborough Grange will be hugely disappointed by this outcome. We must now all support Mrs Cave and her team to continue making the improvements necessary so that, when Ofsted do return, we can show Farnborough Grange in its best light.

We will arrange for a meeting with parents to discuss the report in the near future.

Yours faithfully,



Paul Kennedy
Chief Executive Officer
The Good Shepherd Trust