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Dear Parent/Guardian

Following our Section 8 OFSTED inspection on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, we are delighted that Ofsted has recognised all the excellent work going on at Saltford Primary.

Saltford Primary maintains its status as a 'good school.' A one-day Section 8 inspection cannot change a school's overall effectiveness grade. We are very pleased that the inspector recognised that since our last inspection we had,

"...demonstrated strong practice and marked improvement in specific areas."

Due to the fact that she recognised that the school has improved significantly overall since our "good" grading she has recommended a further Section 5 inspection. The inspection will very likely take place within the next two years. A Section 5 inspection is a full, two-day inspection that can lead to a change in the overall effectiveness grading of a school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, our fantastic children and our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment. This has helped to make Saltford an outstanding place to learn, work and succeed.

The inspector agreed with evaluations we had made and recognised the considerable strengths of the school. She also recognised the improvement plans we have in place and the positive impact these will continue to have. This demonstrates that we know and understand our strengths and areas to continue to improve.

We are especially proud of the many positive comments which included:

"Together with your senior leadership team and skilled governing body, you have accomplished the school's aim of bringing about high-quality leadership and teaching."

"You now have a skilled and effective team of subject leaders across the full range of national curriculum subjects."

"The standard of pupils' reading and writing is high and supports their good access to learning in other subjects."

In maths: "Pupils' work and visits to classes now show that teachers' have consistently high expectations and very effective teaching strategies have rectified the weakness in problem solving..."

A particular highlight was the confidence with which the children spoke to the inspector, explaining how we keep them safe and them knowing who they can speak to should they need help. We were also overwhelmed by the positive response to the parental survey: "A parent echoed the view of others by saying: 'In my opinion Saltford is an exceptional school.'"

The recognition of the role the Wellsway Multi Academy Trust has played has also been noted in our report. Mrs Andrea Arlidge, CEO of our trust has said,

“Wellsway Multi Academy Trust is very proud of Saltford School and delighted that the inspector gave the school such a strong endorsement. We are also very pleased that Ofsted recognised the positive impact of the Trust on the work of the school. Congratulations to Mrs Sage and the team for this tremendous achievement.”

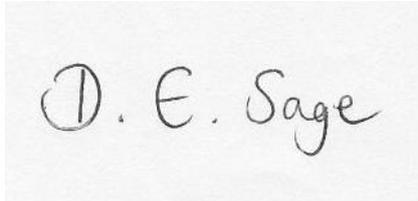
So where next? What can we do to become an outstanding school? I have rephrased the question - How can we make our school the very best it can be? The Governors and I will be inviting all stakeholders, including parents and carers, to bring their reflections and contributions to the process and a questionnaire will be issued shortly.

In the meantime it's business as usual. Just before half term teachers spent our INSET day developing our curriculum further to ensure we further promote a positive culture of learning, rewarding resilience, tenacity and curiosity. We want your child to leave us with a deep love of learning and have many positive memories of their educational journey.

The full OFSTED report can be found on the school website following the link here. It will appear on the OFSTED website shortly, but you can have the first chance to read it.

We will continue to focus on raising standards and ensuring that the children who attend Saltford are given the very best education. Finally, a huge thank you for your continued support - together we can make a difference. If after reading the inspection report you have any comments then please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "D. E. Sage" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Mrs Dawn Sage  
Headteacher