



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear parent / carer

A warm welcome back to everyone! We are very excited about the year ahead and it has been great to see all of our pupils' return in such a positive manner. As you are aware the London Nautical School was subject to a Section 5 Ofsted inspection on the 2nd and 3rd of July. The report has now been published and is attached with this letter.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents who shared their positive comments with the inspection team and also those who took the time to submit their opinions on Parent View. Ofsted recognised that at LNS we have a committed parent body that is both aspirational and fully supportive of the school.

During the two day inspection, the conduct of all pupils was exemplary. You will find a number of references throughout the report to the positive behaviour of pupils' in lessons and around the wider school community describing them as 'courteous and polite'. Furthermore, it highlights the positive relationships shared between staff and pupils and references our high standards for personal development and welfare. The strength of our pastoral system and safe inclusive nature of our school, is also a consistent feature throughout the report

The report also makes positive references towards the breadth of our curriculum and the extensive extra curricular opportunities. As a small school it's amazing to see the amount of opportunities we provide, which is a testament to the hard work and commitment of the staff here at the school.

Despite the positive comments the report identifies the need for improvement; in particular we should:

- Improve pupils' outcomes and secure and sustain improvements in teaching and learning:
 - embed and evaluate the impact of the systems they have introduced.
 - ensure that middle leaders hold their teams to account.
 - evaluate the impact of training to improve teaching.
 - improve the teaching of reading, writing, communication and mathematics across the curriculum.
- Improve pupils' progress:
 - use information about pupils' prior knowledge and skills to plan lessons which stretch and challenge pupils.
 - give pupils timely and appropriate support when they fall behind in their work.

My staff and I are very disappointed by this judgement and in particular, the timing of the inspection. The school was inspected within one year of the previous Section 8, thus providing insufficient time to demonstrate progress against the required actions from that report.

As Headteacher, I lead a group of determined staff who are totally committed to make the required improvements that will ensure that pupils' receive the very best education. The report references the high expectations and ambitions of leaders and the plans being implemented to ensure improvements. I wish to reassure you that the actions we have already taken to improve pupil progress and outcomes will address the key areas of this report and I will keep you updated on our progress throughout the year. In the meantime, if there is anything within the report that you would like to discuss, please email my PA, Sally Palmer, at spalmer@lms.org.uk

On behalf of all the staff and governors I thank you for your continued support of LMS.

Yours sincerely,



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