

21st November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

We're delighted to inform you that CMS has had another successful Ofsted inspection!

There's been a lot of hard work behind the scenes to maintain the high standards we set ourselves and keep the school moving forward, and we're thrilled that the hard work of our staff has been recognised. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating everyone who works at our school.

Throughout the two-day Ofsted process, it was most apparent that Codsall Middle School has such a strong community that work together and the overwhelmingly positive views expressed by parents, pupils and staff show that our school really is a school to be proud of! During the inspection feedback meeting, the lead inspector said, "Your pupils are just lovely!" And she was right! Their behaviour, enthusiasm and positivity was amazing during the inspection – and the best thing about that is that is what our pupils are always like! To help us celebrate together, we'd like to give the pupils the reward they like best – a non-uniform day! This will be on Tuesday 26th November 2024.

There are so many positive statements made in the full report that it is difficult to comment on those which make us the most proud, but I think these sum up what CMS is all about...

- The school is ambitious for every pupil.
- Pupils achieve well.
- The school's expectations and clear routines have led to a calm and orderly environment with a positive atmosphere for learning.
- Pupils in Year 8 achieve well and are prepared for the next stage of their education by the time they leave the school.
- The school is committed to developing the wider skills that pupils need to succeed. Staff spend time helping pupils become more resilient and confident in their learning.
- The school knows its pupils, including the most vulnerable, very well and provides them with the help and support that they need to succeed.

Can I thank those of you who took the time to complete Ofsted's Parent View survey. This is such valuable feedback, and we will read every comment as we continue to work to make the school the best that it can be. Also, I'd like to express our appreciation to our governors whose challenge and support help us to keep moving forward as a school.

Important information to know before reading the report:

1. OFSTED removed single word judgements, so no longer uses terms like 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.

- The phrase we have on our report is '*Codsall Middle School has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection*'. This is not as catchy, but it basically means that we have retained our 'good' judgement.
- 2. This was an ungraded inspection, which means that OFSTED were checking that we are still as good as we were at last inspection. It was not possible to move up during this inspection.
- We have achieved the best outcome we could in this inspection.

You can access the report in full on our website, [Ofsted Report](#)

To receive a good inspection, pupils have to achieve highly and all aspects of provision need to be strong. It is common for schools to receive significant, whole school, developmental points for them to act upon. However, in our case I'm really pleased to say that the areas identified are things we were already working on – developing our careers provision and making feedback more effective in moving learning on at an individual pupil level. We'll continue to work on these things, in fact we've already made progress towards them!

This excellent, external verification from Ofsted, which recognises such strengths of provision will be used as a basis to motivate our entire community to continue to strive for further success. I trust you will be as proud to read this report as we are to receive it. If you have any questions about the recent Ofsted Inspection please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you once again for all the support you continue to give the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KM Reade". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'K' and 'M'.

Mrs K Reade
Headteacher