



15th March 2024

Dear Parents/carers

What an eventful week it has been!

I came into school on Monday morning to be told that 12 staff were absent due to sickness and water was pouring through the ceiling outside the Music department. It was then during period 1, when I was covering a lesson, that I received the call that Ofsted were going to be inspecting the school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Life as a Head is certainly never dull!

The process means that the outcome of the inspection is currently confidential. The timeline is that the final report will be published within 30 days of the conclusion of the inspection. It is at that point I will share the report with you all and it will be published on the Ofsted website.

What I can say at this point, is that I was incredibly proud of all the staff and students during the 2 day visit. A number of students were spoken to during lessons when they were visited, whilst conducting tours, during focus groups called by the inspectors and also informally at social times. They demonstrated huge levels of maturity in their approach and were a credit to the school, the community and your families. A huge strength of Nailsea is the supportive nature of the staff. This shone through during the two days and despite, naturally, the heightened levels of anxiety the visit inevitably caused, staff continued to look out for each other. I am incredibly lucky to work with such a great team.

I would also like to thank all the parents that took the time to complete the questionnaire that was shared. As I have always said, we don't get things right 100% of the time but that is not for the want of trying. We will always listen and work with families to find resolutions to any issues that are raised. On a personal level, many thanks to the parents that took the time to contact me directly to wish the school well over the two days. The biscuits were also appreciated by the staff!

I will look forward to sharing the report with you in due course. In the meantime, after a very intense week, I hope all staff and students take the time to relax this weekend. I can't really see myself moving much from the sofa! Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and be kind

Head teacher