



STAINES PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND SUNFLOWERS NURSERY

NURSERY AND INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 2½ TO 11 YEARS

10th December 2010

Dear Parents

Re ISI Inspection Report

We are delighted to share with you the excellent ISI Inspection report that has just been published following our two part inspection this term. We feel that the Inspectors have fully recognised, and captured, the very essence of our school and what makes it so special. It is clear that they enjoyed their time at Staines Prep, especially their interactions with the children who made them feel very welcome.

The report is filled with superlatives - to save you from counting, excellent was used eleven times and outstanding ten times. It identifies the high level of achievement of the children, their positive attitudes to learning and *exemplary* behaviour in lessons. Particularly pleasing is the section about Pupils' Personal Development, which is described as *outstanding*. The report goes on to say that the children *have a well-developed sense of the spiritual*, their social development *is excellent* and *cultural awareness is strongly developed*. The report emphasises the key role of staff in facilitating this development. It also highlights that *the quality of the school's arrangements for welfare, health and safety is outstanding* and that the school is *highly successful in fulfilling its aim*.

There is a separate section on the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) (Sunflowers Nursery and Reception) which contains much deserved praise with three of the four areas being described as *outstanding* - the highest grading possible.

However, we believe that it is important to continue to improve the School and whilst the main thrust of the report is overwhelmingly positive, it does also provide us with some pointers for future development which will be included within the School Development Plan. Of the four points listed in section 2.5, three can be actioned with almost immediate effect and the other, as it is a twelve month process, during the next school year.

We hope that, like us, you will find the greatest pleasure and satisfaction in the compliments and praise justifiably accorded to our pupils:- *enthusiastic and eager learners who are keen to achieve* coupled with *personal qualities are outstanding* and *pupils' moral awareness is highly developed* plus *they have a keen sense of right and wrong*. When all of this is added to their academic and other achievements duly praised in section 3, we all have every right to be very proud of the children of Staines Prep.

We would like to thank everyone that contributed towards making this such a successful inspection; the Reporting Inspector, Mrs Horsman, and her inspection team for conducting affairs professionally but sensitively; staff, both teaching and support, for their incredible hard work in the build up to inspection and during the two visits; the children for being themselves; all parents that completed the Parental Questionnaire or answered inspectors' questions in the playground; and, finally, the Governors who freely give of their time to ensure the continued well-being of Staines Prep.

We hope you enjoy reading the report and, naturally, are happy to answer any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely

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