



February 14, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: High Praise for Cavendish Primary School**

We are writing to draw your attention to a letter we recently received from the Government's Minister of State for School Standards.

In this letter, the minister congratulates us on our achievements and points out that progress measures in reading, writing and mathematics show Cavendish to be among the top 3% of Primary Schools in the country.

Importantly, the letter acknowledges the commitment of all the staff as our success is certainly the result of team work. We also believe that none of this would have been possible without the high levels of engagement and considerable efforts of the children and the extensive support we receive from our parents/carers.

We are obviously delighted to have received this recognition, however we are equally proud of the fact that Cavendish delivers a broad and balanced curriculum and that we continue to focus on the personal, social, emotional, aesthetic and physical development of all our children.

We are pleased to note that the new Ofsted Inspection Framework places more emphasis on the importance on the wider curriculum and less weighting on test results. This is because inspectors have found that the pressure to deliver perfect data each year can place unreasonable expectations on school leaders and teachers and sometimes leads to the narrowing of the educational experience offered to the pupils.

Finally, please be aware that a copy of the letter has been posted on the school's website and can be found under the 'Parents' tab and then 'Letters and Newsletters'.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Yours sincerely,

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(Head of School)

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