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Ofsted press release

Twydall Primary School was visited by Ofsted on 6th and 7th June 2018. This was the first inspection since it became a member of the Rainham Mark Education Trust on 1st February, 2016.

We would encourage you to look beyond the headline of the report to see some of the positive developments that the inspectors found at the school.

We recognise that we have a long way to go to complete the work of making TPS the excellent school that the children of Twydall deserve, but the report indicates that we are on the right track. Both the Ofsted report and recent DfE monitoring visits highlight the fact that the school is already working towards these recognised areas of improvement.

You will see that the school has been rated Inadequate overall by the Inspectors. We would like to take this opportunity to explain this judgement in the schools context, and highlight some of the deeper content of the report.

This year's KS2 SATs were released on July 10th, and show that the number of pupils at Twydall Primary school that have reached the national expectation in Reading, Writing and Math's combined is in line with national floor standards and has risen from 31% to 64% overall. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and believe that this more accurately reflects our pupils' outcomes than the unfortunately timed report.

When the school was last inspected in 2014, it was considered Inadequate in all but one area of assessment and placed into Special Measures. This was the beginning of a long period of transition and change within the school, which saw many staff at all levels move on and, as is the way with many schools considered to be failing. Recruiting new teachers was a challenge.

In February 2016, Twydall School was delighted to become an academy within the RMET. This link with Rainham Mark Grammar and now Riverside Primary has led to joint training for staff and has helped foster improving aspirations for our pupils with 18 moving to the grammar school in September.

With increased leadership capacity in 2018 and a stable teaching staff, the school has made significant progress and is now considered as Requiring Improvement in all areas, except in pupil outcomes which unfortunately is a limiting judgement and therefore overall the school is still rated Inadequate. However, this is within the cause for concern category rather than the serious weakness category. This reflects the backdrop of a history of poor results, as well as the timing of the inspection.

There is a very strong sense of community in "Team Twydall" and we are committed to embedding these in all aspects of our school life and learning, and ensuring that all our pupils achieve their full potential.

Rev. Ann Richardson



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Twydall school celebrated excellent KS2 SATs results this year, well above the Medway average. The Ofsted report noted considerable improvements from the previous inspection but the inspection happened just before SATs results were published so the excellent progress and attainment of Year 6 is not included in the report.

RMET is pleased to see that the efforts of the school team, under acting headteacher Mrs Logan have been recognised with all but two grades moving from inadequate to requires improvement. The Trust will continue to support the school on this journey of improvement and trustees are also delighted that the school achieved record Medway Test results this year.

Simon Decker

CEO RMET