

Dear Parents and Carers,

As many parents will be aware, Ofsted have published a new inspection framework for schools which has begun implementation this month. Schools will be graded in the following 8 areas:

- safeguarding
- inclusion
- curriculum and teaching
- achievement
- attendance and behaviour
- personal development and well-being
- early years in schools (where applicable)
- sixth form in schools (where applicable)
- leadership and governance

The possible gradings are: exceptional, strong standard, expected standard, needs attention and urgent improvement.

Currently all schools in our Trust are graded Good or Outstanding under the previous Ofsted Framework. However, it is important to note that there is no correlation from the old framework gradings to the new. All of our schools are striving to meet the expected standard (which will be the new norm for the vast majority of schools in England). Some of our schools have elements of both strong standard practice as well as areas that need attention.

The expectation is that schools will have a varied profile according to their context, strengths and areas for development. A school report card will be published following a school's inspection showing how the school has been graded in each area. This will confirm to parents where the school is at on its journey of continuous improvement. There will be no overall grade for a school.

A school can expect to be inspected every 4 years and as part of this process, parents will be asked for their feedback on their child's school.

School leaders have evaluated their schools using the new framework and will be ready to share their unique successes and challenges with inspectors when their opportunity comes.

We look forward to continuing to support each other across the Trust as we move forwards in supporting all of our learners to flourish and achieve their very best.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Evans".

Richard Evans CEO
On behalf of Cambrian Learning Trust