

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Easter holiday is now upon us and as children get ready to enjoy some time at home and/or at the ESCape! Holiday School I want to thank you for all your support this year as we have navigated our way through a challenging time together.

I am delighted to report that Ofsted have graded Barnby North Cove Primary School as 'GOOD' in all areas following an inspection this term. This is a significant shift from when the school joined the Trust and the report identifies a strong partnership at local and central level that has had a positive impact. My thanks goes to the staff for all their hard work and you as parents for your support. Southwold has also had a visit from Ofsted this term and I look forward to sharing the outcome of this with you in due course.

The latest national attendance data has been released and shows that attendance has dropped from 92.2% on 3 March to 89.7% on 17 March, just 2% of these were pupils were absent with a confirmed case of Covid-19. We acknowledge that each family's circumstances are different and aim to work with parents to provide the best education for every child. Your help in encouraging and supporting your child to regularly attend school throughout the year allows any gaps in learning to be addressed and for each child to fulfil their potential.

The swimming pool at Yoxford & Peasenhall Primary is now open and welcoming children from across the Trust schools, it is also available for private hire for individuals, communities and external organisations and full details can be found on our website.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter and enjoy the opportunity to sit in the sun or play in the park with your children, we look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours faithfully

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