



8th November 2023

Dear Parents and carers, As Salaamu Alaykum.

It gives me the greatest pleasure in sharing with you Zaytouna's long-awaited Ofsted report. It has felt such a long time since they inspected us, but now the wait to share the outcome is over.

Following their visit in September, Ofsted judge our school to be **GOOD** in all areas and we are delighted to have been judged as **OUTSTANDING** for our personal development offer. There are not many schools achieving OUTSTANDING in their Ofsted outcomes, so this is a really special recognition for us.

This inspection outcome is much-deserved recognition for the hard work, determination and commitment of our staff, children and families in making Zaytouna a wonderful place to learn. This is also an opportunity to recognise the vision, determination and strong leadership Miss Storer and Mr Jones gave to Zaytouna during their time here.

Although not written in the report itself, it is important to share a few of the anecdotal comments Ofsted made to us, including:

- Children begin learning to read as soon as they arrive at Zaytouna and they enjoy reading at school; outcomes in reading are strong and are above the national average
- Adults provide strong modelling and support, particularly to children whose first language is not English
- The provision in the Early Years (Olives) is strong; children make a strong start and are nurtured well by adults
- There is a strong culture of safeguarding at Zaytouna; all adults are trained well and children say that they feel safe in school
- The school knows its community well and the relationship between home and school is strong
- Children's behaviour is good throughout the school day; the children are happy, confident and care about others
- 96% of the parents who completed the survey would recommend Zaytouna to others
- Zaytouna is an inclusive school; children with special educational needs are supported well to be included in all aspects of school life
- The school is ambitious for all its children; children are given opportunities to see the possibilities for their future e.g. learning and careers
- Girls at Zaytouna feel valued and respected and they know they have the same opportunities to be successful as boys
- Children are proud to attend a faith school; they told inspectors that they feel confident for the next stage in their education

Finally, a child told an inspector, "Teachers are so ambitious for us all." This quote captures everything that all adults at Zaytouna strive for each and every day and I am so proud of them all. We no longer need to be defined by our past – this is the start of a new and exciting chapter in the Zaytouna story!

With thanks for your continued support and encouragement,

Mr Bird, Headteacher