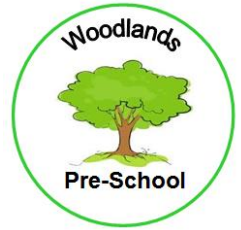




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Growing Every Child



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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We are delighted to share with you our most recent Ofsted report. This will be available to view on the Ofsted website from the 4th July.

The school was judged to be a 'good' school and we are so pleased that the report reflects what we know our school to be – a nurturing school where children feel safe and cared for. The report reflects our significant curriculum strengths and the positive way in which we are developing our curriculum offer further.

Ofsted reports are required to be short documents and we were given a huge amount of verbal feedback from the inspectors while they were with us. When Ofsted inspectors fed back to the senior leadership team and governors, they were glowing about our children. They said the children were delightful, the school was welcoming and that the children themselves felt like a 'community'. They noticed how they played in mixed groups saying that there was a tangible strength of relationships between children. The inspectors spoke too about the calm and purposeful atmosphere around school, saying children were either engaged or very engaged in their learning. Children are courteous and there is an apparent warmth of relationships. They recognised the high expectations of staff and the calm, common approach adults employ when dealing with any behaviour issues. Inspectors said the focus we have put on our new behaviour policy is grounded in our recognition of the importance of strong relationships between children and staff.

Inspectors commented on how our high behaviour expectations begin in the Early Years in our Pre-School and Reception classrooms with interactions between adults and children being consistent and calm. They talked about our welcoming, attractive and purposeful early years learning environments and the enjoyment our early years children have in their learning. They also commented on the positive changes we are making to develop separate areas for our Pre-School and Reception children to learn.

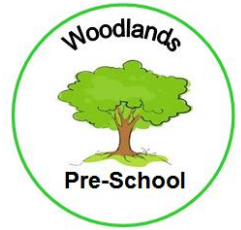
Inspectors said that the curriculum feels strong and noticed particular strengths in Maths, Computing and Reading. They noted the recent changes we have made in our curriculum too saying a lot has happened in a year. Inspectors said the curriculum is strong and ambitious and demonstrates good coverage of the national curriculum which is taught progressively. We had been planning to review these changes in the summer term in order to develop our curriculum even further. The inspectors recognised this as a good next step and we are excited about how we can continue to grow our curriculum next year.

Inspectors also noticed strengths in our SEND provision and how the school promotes children's wider personal development. They commented that leaders are ambitious for children with special educational needs and that all staff support these aims – indeed they said pupils with SEND were well supported at every level. They said the school prepares children to become active citizens (including an understanding of



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ecological issues) and the children themselves talked about how music and PE help their physical and mental development. The children also demonstrated a wonderful understanding of inclusivity when talking to inspectors saying: 'if we were all the same it would be boring – we have to celebrate our differences'.

Handwriting and presentation have already been a priority area for our school since September. Children have made improvements this year but we recognise we have further to develop in this area. This will be a priority for our school moving forwards.

Overall, Inspectors felt Binley Woods Primary School was a good school which was moving at pace in its drive to build on our successes and which has the capacity to grow further. They saw that the school has a strong governing body which knows the school well and is dedicated to working with the staff team to drive and support improvements. The inspectors also recognised our wonderful PTA as an integral part of school life and commented on the trim trail (funded by the PTA) as a brilliant addition to our school.

Best of all were the children themselves who told inspectors that they know adults care for them and that they love their school. The children told Ofsted inspectors they were proud of their school and we are proud of them every day.

We would also like to thank our parents, carers and wider family community for the support you show the school and your children. We were thrilled that 100% of our families agreed that their children felt happy and safe at our school and that 94% said they would recommend the school to other parents.

Finally, we want to say how very proud we are of our school. We are determined and driven to work with all stakeholders (children, families, governors and the wider community) to continue to make improvements to ensure your children have the best possible education and experience during their time with us.

With all best wishes

K.M. Sharp

(Headteacher)