



Corvedale CE Primary School & Nursery

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“Three in a row”

Our School as you know was inspected by Ofsted on April 16th & 17th and, for the third time running, we achieved a “GOOD” grade in all the inspected areas. These were: Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision. This is a testament to the hard work of all involved and especially the leadership of Mr Brough, our Headteacher who as you know is retiring this summer but will leave behind for the new Headteacher, Mr Davda, a firm foundation upon which to build. A big thank to the 29 families who filled in the “Ofsted Parent View” questionnaire which overall gave very positive feedback to the inspectors.

The inspection itself was very thorough, spread over two days, with two inspectors involved. Staff, children, and governors were all quizzed about the school and their work. From this a pen picture was built up of the school which resulted in some really good feedback from the inspectors.

Below is a sample of their comments which I think sum up the school:

“This is a calm and happy school, that pupils are proud of. Pupils say that the school is ‘like a family’. A typical parental comment was, ‘This is a lovely school with a family atmosphere and a strong sense of happiness and well-being.’”

“Pupils know that they can share any worries with trusted adults and that they will help to keep them safe. Pupils are taught to keep safe online and in the local community. Pupils are proud to be part of their house groups.”

“The school has high expectations of pupils. The curriculum is ambitious and has been carefully considered to take account of mixed-age classes.”

“Children in early years settle quickly. They are polite, well-mannered and follow routines. They are taught to be independent and resilient learners.”

“Behaviour in school is calm. Pupils know the school rules of ‘Be ready, be respectful and be safe’. Most pupils behave well and have positive attitudes to learning.”

“There is an extensive extra-curricular programme in place. There is a wide variety of opportunities for pupils to develop their skills and talents.”

“Governors understand their roles. They ensure they challenge school leaders to maintain an accurate and up-to-date view of the school.”

As with any Ofsted Report there are areas outlined for us to work on including tweaking some safeguarding administration, ensuring that resources for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabled) pupils are in place and adapted to meet the children's needs and, finally, monitoring the impact of recent changes to the curriculum. These will form the basis for future development actions. You should have received a full copy of the report, but it will also be available on the school's website via the Ofsted link in the Key Information section - useful links.

It has been my privilege to work with Mr Brough over the last nine years and to watch him, along with his team, grow the school into the success it is today. Whilst growing our overall numbers remains a priority, our future looks better with the nursery numbers increasing all the time. So - come on: spread the word about your successful local Corvedale CE Primary School and Nursery and help it grow!

David Hedgley
Chair of Governors.