

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with you—our most recent Ofsted report has arrived, and we are very proud of the feedback.

The school was recently inspected, and we are thrilled to announce that the Inspection Team were very impressed with our children, staff and Governors and that we received “Good” in all 5 areas (Leadership & Management, Quality of Education, Behaviours & Attitudes, Personal Development and Early Years). Additionally, we received an “Effective” judgement for Safeguarding – the two options being effective or ineffective. This is a true reflection of the hard work and dedication of our talented staff, our wonderful students, and, of course, the ongoing support of our school community. It is wonderful to know that the Inspection Team recognised the many strengths that Hambledon Primary School has to offer and the journey it has made in moving from an infant school to a primary school.

While our previous inspection was rated “Outstanding”, it’s important to recognise that the Ofsted framework itself has changed since then, with a stronger emphasis on different aspects of school life. These changes reflect Ofsted’s commitment to ensuring that schools provide an education that prepares children for life in an increasingly complex world. The Team recognised that the school goes above and beyond to prepare your children for life in Modern Britain and recognises the extra emphasis we place on integrating our pupils within the local community.

The inspectors acknowledge the many strengths of our school, including:

- Our pupils’ attitudes to school: For example, “Pupils bubble over with enthusiasm about the warm welcome everyone receives at this school. Pupils enjoy school and feel safe. They overwhelmingly trust staff to help them with worries or concerns.”
- Our pupils’ behaviour: For example, “Pupils behave well. They are polite and respectful to adults and to their peers. Pupils are highly tolerant of difference. They value diversity, stating confidently that the world would not work if everyone was the same.”
- Our Curriculum: For example, “The school has designed a broad curriculum in all subjects. It identifies the important knowledge that pupils must learn in all year groups.”

Ofsted reports used to be much lengthier documents. Now, being much shorter, it is hard to condense everything seen in those two days into such a brief and structured report. As part of the verbal feedback throughout the inspection, they also recognised strengths in:

Leadership: “The school has an ambitious curriculum for all pupils, including SEND and disadvantaged pupil. There a high expectations for all, especially SEND pupils. Staff are well supported by school and subject leaders which results in a clear retention of knowledge and skills by pupils and ensure they are ready for their next steps.”

Personal Development: “Respect and tolerance are evident throughout. There are respectful relationships between children and children and children and staff. Everyone is

polite. Children are confident bullying would be dealt with should it arise however there are no reported cases by children. There are plenty of opportunities available to the children. Thought is given to what children receive and the children are very positive about these experiences.”

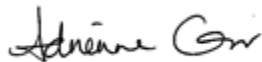
While we are no longer rated “Outstanding”, the report emphasises the continued excellent work we do to support your children’s learning and wellbeing. We are already addressing the areas for improvement identified by the inspectors, as both of our given actions are actions already on our School Improvement Plan for the 2024-2025 year and the Team could see the progress the school has made already towards these. We are committed to using their feedback to further enhance our provision.

We encourage you to read the full Ofsted report, which can be found on our school website and attached here. Alternatively, if you would prefer a paper copy, please feel free to contact the school office.

We understand that changes in inspection ratings can sometimes be concerning, but please be assured that we are focused on continuous improvement, and our commitment to providing the best possible education for your child remains as strong as ever.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss the report further.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrienne Corr". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ms Corr