Shalfleet C.E. Primary School - Ofsted November 2018 - ‘A Strong Good’

Shalfleet C.E. Primary School has been praised by Ofsted following a 1 day inspection which found the school continues to provide a good standard of education for its pupils.

Ofsted praised the school’s strong leadership, the development of future leaders and the knowledgeable, dedicated team of teachers, which has led to sustained school improvement since the last inspection. This, alongside the exceptional behaviour of pupils and creating a curriculum which maximises all that the Isle of Wight has to offer, yet gives pupils experiences beyond their own locality, is supporting the school towards its vision to be outstanding.

Safeguarding was highlighted as a strength, with leaders and governors placing the highest priority on keeping children safe from harm. Parents and pupils feel that their children are safe at school.

Headteacher, Elizabeth Grainger, said: ‘We are delighted with the report. I am exceptionally proud of all members of staff and their shared vision in providing the very best education for the children in our care. I am pleased that Ofsted have recognised our strengths in teaching and learning, our ongoing commitment to school improvement and the value of our strong federation with Yarmouth C.E. Primary school. A huge thank you to all members of staff, to the governors and our wonderful children for their hard work, also to our parents and wider community for their continued support and input into the successful learning environment we have created.’

Highlights of the report recognised the good attendance of pupils and their extremely enthusiastic engagement in lessons. Also, the friendly, warm, welcoming environment of the school where pupils work and play well together. The report celebrated the school’s close ties with the onsite preschool, ensuring that children have a very good transition into primary school. It drew attention to the good quality of education that the children receive in Reception class and how the children responded articulately to their teacher demonstrating their year 1 readiness.

The skills set of teachers and support staff was celebrated, contributing to the increasingly effective provision where staff expertise is valued. The strength of being in a successful federation has also supported both schools to continuously improve. The federation governing body has supported and strengthened the school through its teamwork and by linking governors to specific priority areas.

Children, parents and carers were incredibly positive about the school. Typical of the views of parents expressed was one that described their child as ‘challenged and encouraged, and learning to be resilient when something isn’t right the first time’. Parents praised the varied opportunities and responsibilities that their children are given and said that the school prepares them well for their secondary education.

Our schools continue to improve and develop; we would be delighted for you to be part of our ongoing journey. Everyone is welcome to come and visit either school in the federation, where we will be pleased to show you around and share the learning going on. Please do telephone either school is make an appointment.

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