



Shinfield Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to tell you that, following the Ofsted inspection carried out on 4th and 5th February this year, the school has been given a GOOD rating. Given that it is harder to get a 'Good' with the latest Ofsted requirements, we are delighted with this outcome. The school was rated as 'Good' in the last two Ofsted inspections in 2007 and 2010 and those previous to then, so we have maintained high standards over a long period of time.

A copy of the report is attached to this letter. It will be available online on the Ofsted website from Friday 27th February 2015. Printed copies will also be available on request to the school office.

As stated many times in the report, areas for development have already been recognised in our ongoing self-evaluation of the school, and are already addressed in school development plans. There are no major issues: this means the school is well on track to make continued improvements. I would like to state that the school has exceeded national averages in writing at the end of Key Stage 1 in three out of the four last few years. The groups of children making slower progress are very small and all these children are extremely well supported in school. Data cannot always show the huge progress made by some of these children, such as overcoming very difficult times in their lives and having the confidence and willingness to meet challenging tasks. I have every confidence that with continued support they will achieve well. Similarly, the exceptional care and attention given to children in our Nursery, many of whom were very young at the time of the inspection, has always been and will still be, one of the fundamental stepping stones for the rapid academic progress they make later on in school life.

We are very pleased that the work of the whole school team is given recognition in this very positive report. We would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to contribute to the success of the school. Not many can be identified by the comments in the report but each and every member of the school team has done the school proud. This may be through their good or outstanding teaching, their leadership of a subject area, or a team, their work to improve the school environment, or by the great work they do on a daily basis to support children, staff, parents, Governors and ensure the smooth running of the school. The work of the school business manager has also been instrumental in ensuring that essential safeguarding and finance requirements are of a high standard. The work of the key stage leaders in innovative curriculum development and building of strong teaching teams has had a positive impact on high standards of education here. The very effective impact of each team working in the school has come out very strongly which is a wonderful testimony to the hard work of all involved. The inspectors thanked us all at the end of the inspection for making them feel very welcome in this school.

We look forward to continuing to provide high quality education for your children and, most of all, to give them learning experiences that will stand them in good stead for their future lives. To have all of you state in Parentview that you would recommend this school to other parents, as well as your many positive comments in conversation with the inspectors is a wonderful endorsement of the work done by the whole team here, and we very much appreciated this great support from you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A. Turner
Headteacher

Mr C. Young
Chair of Governors

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