



# Oaklands Infant School



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Dear Parents,

## Ofsted Inspection

Following our recent Ofsted inspection on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2106, we can now inform you of the outcome and judgements they have made.

Since Ofsted's last inspection in 2012 the format has changed. Good schools now have a one day inspection to confirm that they are still good. If there is any change in this level, the visit is extended to a second day. Our inspection was carried out by one inspector, and took place with less than 24hrs notice.

**The Governors, staff and I are delighted to report that as a result of the inspection we continue to be a 'good' school.**

The result of the inspection has confirmed our own self-evaluation and also highlights areas which we have identified for development in the school development plan. For example, you will have noticed in the recent Governors' newsletter the actions we are taking with regard to reading.

Another area relates to the availability of data for the Governors to measure current impact. Since the move to 'assessment without levels' at the beginning of this school year, this has been a huge area of focus for the school - new systems have been introduced and new ways of assessing the children's progress used. This has taken time to implement, but the inspector acknowledged that the governors continue to challenge effectively and next year should be easier with a year's worth of data behind us.

**'You focus effectively on improving the quality of teaching and learning within the school. Your motto of 'deep roots for future growth' is borne out in the good and improving start pupils make...'**

During the inspection day, as well as scrutinising the standards of work, the inspector also spoke to a number of children from across the school, ate lunch with them and then observed some of them on the playground. We are very proud of how well the children behaved, how considerate of each other they were and how articulate they were when talking to the inspector.



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**'All pupils...without exception understood the core values and could explain how they endeavour to 'do the right thing' in their work and play'.**

Please find attached copy of the full report. It will also appear on the Ofsted website (<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk>) on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

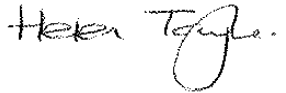
This report is a testament to all the hard work and dedication of all the staff at the school – teaching, non-teaching and office as well as the support from you the parents, and the Governing Body.

Overall, we hope you are as pleased with the report as we are. However, if there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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Helen Taylor  
Chair of Governors