



Horsell CofE Junior School



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Dear Parents

Please find attached our recent Ofsted report. As you are aware, as of September 2019 the framework by which schools are inspected has changed. This report reflects the new framework. It is much shorter than previous reports and is written so that it is accessible to as wide an audience as possible. The language used in the report is, therefore, deliberately simple.

In 2016 the school was rated as 'good' and, as such, the inspection that we had was a 'section 8' inspection. A 'section 8' inspection looks at the 'quality of education' and 'safeguarding' and under this type of inspection it is not possible to be awarded the grade of outstanding.

We were therefore delighted to receive confirmation that the school continues to be a good school. The inspector spoke to many of our children when he visited us and, in the majority of cases, this was without another adult present. He also took note of a pupil questionnaire which the children completed. His conversations with our pupils confirmed what we already know: our children are proud of our school, feel that the adults are available to talk to when they have worries, and learn in an environment where they are encouraged to care for one another.

The report also highlights the high expectations that we place on our pupils and the varied learning opportunities that the children have. I was also delighted that the inspector recognised the excellent work that we do to encourage a love of reading, and he acknowledged the vital role that you, the parents, play in developing reading skills amongst our children.

Since the autumn term we have had an action plan in place to critically review and further develop the learning that takes place in our foundation subjects, to ensure that pupils retain and build upon what they have learnt across the whole range of subjects that we teach. This process of development and review is forming a significant part of our staff training over the next two terms and the inspector was impressed with the action plans that we have in place to further develop this aspect of our provision.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for the support that you have given the school over the years. Since taking up the post of Headteacher in June, I have always felt that Horsell Junior School is at the heart of the village and I am delighted that the good quality of education that we provide has been recognised. This report is an excellent building block for the next few years and I am excited about what the future holds!

With very best wishes

Mrs Wand