Durrington Infant and Junior Federated Schools

Little Rainbow Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm pleased to be able to share the Junior School's Ofsted report card following our inspection on September 15th and 16th, just 2 weeks into the start of the new school year.

The three inspectors made their judgements based on one day of meetings with the Senior Leadership Team and two days conducting learning walks around the school. This included speaking to children, watching lessons, observing social times, and speaking with various leaders, staff members and parents. The report sums up our wonderful children, staff and wider community here at Durrington Infant and Junior School in a positive light. The inspectors commented that we are a lovely school and the word community is stamped through us like a stick of rock.

What means the most to me is that 100% of parent, pupil and staff questionnaires received were positive which shows a general sense of happiness and confidence in the school that if there ever is a problem, we will do our very best to sort it out. I appreciate your commitment and trust in us to educate and care for your children.

I know that reading Ofsted reports isn't everyone's idea of a thrilling way to spend their spare time, so I have extracted some of the highlights below.

"Pupils are kind and friendly. They play happily together at breaktimes and move sensibly around the school. Pupils have very positive attitudes to learning. This creates a deeply purposeful atmosphere. Staff have high expectations of pupils. They forge positive relationships with pupils and consistent routines in class. As a result, pupils' behaviour is excellent. This creates a very calm and orderly environment."

"The school has forged a deep sense of community among its pupils. This helps to create a positive school environment. This is evident in the calm atmosphere in classrooms and warm greetings pupils share with staff and visitors."

"Pupils are eager to learn. They listen carefully in lessons and work hard to complete their tasks. Pupils enjoy their lessons."

"Pupils typically achieve well in national tests. Their work shows they generally develop the skills and knowledge they need. Pupils recall their prior learning and can discuss it confidently. They are generally well prepared for their next steps."

The school's next steps include elements we were already working on to strengthen our provision for the children including improving handwriting, spelling and times tables recall and to refine task design to enhance the progress of all learners in the classroom.

Read Ofsted's final Junior report card here

Thank you for working together with us to succeed.

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