



WOODHALL SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday 8th/Wednesday 9th November, an Ofsted Inspection took place at Woodhall. Two inspectors- Joseph Figg and Simon Harbrow- visited our school and carried out a very thorough inspection of all aspects of school life; *leadership and management, safeguarding, the effectiveness of the curriculum, the quality of education, our Early Years provision, the behaviour and attitudes of children and the things that we do at Woodhall to support the children's personal development.* During the two days, inspectors visited many lessons, talked to children, talked to parents, and held discussions with teachers, leaders, governors and our Hertfordshire school advisor. They looked at children's books, curriculum documents, school policies and our website.

We are really pleased to say that Woodhall Primary School is a solid GOOD in all areas!

Comments from inspectors included:

- ***'Parents are overwhelmingly positive about all that the school provides.'***
- ***'Pupils are polite and well mannered...they behave well in lessons and around the school...pupils enjoy learning and playing together.'***
- ***'High aspirations are promoted...strong pastoral provision is in place.'***
- ***'There is a culture of safeguarding throughout the school.'***
- ***'Pupils develop character as a result of the experiences they have through the curriculum content.'***
- ***'Leaders have designed a broad and ambitious curriculum for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6.'***
- ***'Leaders' high ambitions for pupils begins in the early years.'***
- ***'Teachers deploy a range of effective strategies to ensure that pupils with SEND can access the same ambitious curriculum as their peers.'***
- ***'Leaders provide pupils with a broad range of opportunities to support their personal development'***
- ***'Staff are proud to work at the school.'***

We are also glad that the areas for development identified by inspectors had already been recognised by leaders and were therefore already included on our School Development Plan (available on the school website).

Over the past 5 years we have worked on a long-term vision for the school (rather than short-term, temporary fixes) and we are so proud that the hard work of the whole staff team, governors, children and parents has resulted in this excellent report and recognition of Woodhall for our unique provision: we are an inclusive, family-oriented community school where positive relationships are valued, children are nurtured and high aspirations are promoted for all. Thank you to all of you for your support, which we really value very highly.

Ofsted: 'Pupils enjoy attending Woodhall School'...pass it on!

Michelle Lake (Headteacher)

Graham Denman (Chair of Governors)

