



HAILEY HALL SCHOOL

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Re: Ofsted inspection

Dear Parents / Carers,

You will be aware that the school was recently inspected by Ofsted, on the 28th and 29th of September.

Thank you all for your support with this, especially those who answered the parent survey that was sent at the time.

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following the inspection. The full report will be published on the OFSTED website on Thursday 17th November 2022. However, I am allowed to inform parents / carers of the outcome in advance.

The grades that can be awarded by OFSTED are Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate.

Previously the school was judged as 'Requires Improvement' in January 2019. In this recent inspection, the school was judged overall to still be within the category of 'Requires Improvement'.

Having said that, despite the overall judgement being 'Requires Improvement' the inspectors found many positive strengths within the school. The overall judgement is based on 4 individual judgement areas and as you can see in the report the inspectors graded 2 of the 4 judgement areas as 'Good'. As a result, the inspectors were satisfied that the school has made good progress since our previous inspection and, as mentioned above, the judgement areas Personal Development and Behaviour and Attitudes were graded as 'Good'.

OFSTED said that school leaders *'have acted to improve the quality of education since the previous inspection'*. It was also noted that *'Since the previous inspection, trustees have acted to improve how they work with school leaders'*.

Importantly, OFSTED also recognised *'Pupils are safe and well cared for at Hailey Hall'*.

OFSTED observed that, *'Lessons and breaktimes are calm. Pupils appreciate the way staff take time to understand their social and emotional needs. They value the support which helps them to complete their time in school and move on to further education'*.

OFSTED said that *'Leaders promote pupils' personal development well'* and that the behaviour in the school is 'Good'.

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I am particularly proud that OFSTED recognised, *'Pupils achieve well in subjects such as art. This is because leaders check what pupils already know and have constructed a curriculum that builds on pupils' existing knowledge and skills. Similarly, pupils become fluent in mathematics because teachers give them time to practise what they have learned before they approach more complex tasks'*.

Inspectors also highlighted a number of *key areas which require improvement*. These include:

- Ensuring pupils are given the opportunities to acquire the knowledge and skills to improve
- Ensuring the curriculum is well ordered and ambitious, and there are enough opportunities to achieve in a broad range of subjects
- Continued development of the English curriculum with a focus precisely on what pupils need to do better.

It is obviously very disappointing for all members of staff that the outcome of the inspection has found that the school still requires improvement in 2 of the 4 judgement areas and will, undoubtedly, be very disappointing for you as parents / carers also. However, with 2 of the 4 judgement areas graded as 'Good', I am extremely confident we have strong foundations to build on this success and continue to drive forward to ensure we are 'Good' across all judgement areas. It must be said that all staff in school are committed to providing the best education for the children of Hailey Hall School and will work tirelessly to achieve this goal.

With the publication of the report, now is the time to look forward and continue to address the areas for development raised. We ensure that the children of Hailey Hall School receive the high-quality education that they deserve, in a safe environment, where all children are supported to reach their full potential. We hope that you as parents / carers will continue to support us with this aim.

On a final note, I would like to take the opportunity to say how proud I was with all pupils during the inspection. It was commented on how polite and courteous all pupils were and they were an absolute credit to the school and yourselves.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely



Mr P Delamaine
Headteacher