

# Grove Road Community Primary School



Grove Road School is enhanced to support children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find a link to the latest Ofsted report, which is now available on our school website, following the inspection on the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

<https://www.groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk/page/?title=Ofsted&pid=36>

It is very pleasing to read such positive things about our school and I am very happy with the conclusions the inspector came to after spending a day with us. It is testament to the skill of the inspector that she was able, in a relatively short time, to recognise the many things that we are so proud of at Grove Road Community Primary School.

The HMI Inspector informed my leadership team, the Governing Body and Local Authority representatives that we are "...a strongly good school" with "highly effective safeguarding". She went on to add "...we are clearly on a journey to outstanding and simply need time to embed the positive changes we have put in place."

My staff and I are completely dedicated to continuing that journey and drive improvements so that our school will always offer the very best we can for the children in our care.

There are many comments that I could pick out to highlight that we are very proud to read, but I do not wish to repeat what is written in the report – the words speak for themselves. However, I would like to mention that the inspector particularly praised the ethos and atmosphere within the school as well as the passion and commitment of the leadership team and staff. This is nothing that can be manufactured or prepared for when inspectors call – it is something that takes time to develop and nurture and will only be in place when all members of the staff are pulling in the same direction. As the Headteacher, this gives me an immense sense of pride and satisfaction.

The children had no preparation for the inspection because we are extremely proud of them every single day of the school year – we simply wanted them to be themselves. We are, and we continue to be, immensely proud of them all!

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I am eager and keen to meet the challenges ahead and will do everything in my power to continue to raise attainment, as will my staff. Underpinning that, however, is something less tangible – the values we try and teach the children, the way they treat each other, the way they behave both in class and out – ultimately the way we want them to develop as members of a community where respect and care are paramount. Having this surely makes us better placed to address the areas we can get even better at, as does having as a committed and skilful staff as I do here.

I feel great satisfaction as we head off next week for the summer holiday that we are doing everything we can to support and guide your most prized possessions – your children – and this has been recognised in such a positive report. I would like to thank all parents/carers who support our work so well because without that partnership, children would not flourish as they do.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C J Parkhouse

Headteacher