

KEELBY PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to attach the letter from Her Majesty's Inspectors following our recent OFSTED inspection, which confirms that **Keelby Primary Academy is a good school.**

Our previous inspection in June 2012 judged Keelby Primary to be a good school. In 2015, OFSTED introduced a new and more rigorous inspection framework, raising the bar for schools. Our short inspection on 23rd January 2018, acknowledged the 'good quality of education' had continued since the last inspection stating, "**much has happened to develop and improve the school and you have successfully built a positive environment in which pupils can 'spread their wings and fly high'**". This is an excellent achievement for our children, staff and governors and I am extremely proud of them all.

Our school self-evaluation is that we are a strongly good school, particularly in the area of pupil's personal development, behaviour and welfare, the inspector agreed saying "**Pupils' behaviour is exemplary and pupils were articulate, polite and passionate about their school and their teachers**".

In the new OFSTED framework, schools that were judged to be good at their previous inspection receive a short one day inspection approximately every three years. The new inspections are designed to focus on the quality of leadership, the capacity of leaders to drive improvement and the safeguarding arrangements. Inspectors look at leaders' work to provide a broad and balanced curriculum. When considering pupils' outcomes, inspectors want to see that the pupils currently at the school are making at least good progress. The judgement on personal development, behaviour and welfare includes a focus on pupils' confidence and self-assurance as learners, their pride in their achievement and the impact their behaviour has on outcomes. Inspectors also look at how schools help pupils make choices about the next stage of their education and how they prepare them for life and work in Britain today.

A short inspection does not result on graded judgements for individual areas. It also does not change the overall effectiveness grade of the school unless inspectors believe that a change of grade is necessary, they will trigger a two day inspection, under these circumstances. Short inspections are reported by a letter from the HMI to the Principal, which may feel a little short to read compared to full inspection reports, but it does highlight our strengths, our work since our last inspection and our next steps.

Thank you to everyone who took time to complete the Parent View questionnaires and to speak to the inspector at the beginning of the day. Your support for our school came across very well, and it was great to hear how well some of the changes in school have been so well received.

“Parents are invited into the school to partake in the first learning activity of the day with their child. Parents told the inspector that this is such a positive way to meet with teachers and learn alongside their child”.

And finally our pupils! The inspector was very impressed with how they conducted themselves in and around school, they were so polite, helpful and happy to talk and answer questions. Here are some highlights from the letter which all our pupils should feel very proud of:

“Pupils are ambitious, enthusiastic and confident learners.”

“They appreciate the efforts of all their teachers and relish the opportunities to share, discuss and confidently ask questions.”

“They said they feel really lucky to attend this school”

“Pupils feel safe in school”

“They said that they have someone in school to go to if they need help”

“They particularly respect their teachers and said that they are supportive if you struggle”

“Pupils appreciate the opportunities to be fully involved in the life of the school”

“Pupils said they value the student council and it makes a positive difference to them”

The report will be published on the OFSTED website within the next week, and we will provide a link to this from our website too. We will now begin the task of sharing our good news with the local community and the press. If you have any questions regarding the report, please do speak to myself or the chair of governors.

Yours sincerely,

Ms A. Cowling



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