

The Alderton Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED INSPECTION REPORT 2017 - “This school continues to be good.”

On 28 November 2017 Ofsted visited our school to carry out a one day inspection. It was led by Ruth Brock, Her Majesty’s Inspector. Our school’s final report is now ready to share with the whole school community. The full report is attached to this letter for you to read in detail. It can also be found on our website and it will be published on the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk.

After meeting with staff and governors, visiting lessons, scrutinising childrens’ books, and speaking to pupils about their learning, the Inspector made the following comments:

- Behaviour and attitudes to learning are a strength of the school.
- You and your staff have created a calm, stimulating environment where “sparkling behaviours” are regularly celebrated.
- In every class, pupils excitedly talked about their learning.
- Such courtesy is evident throughout the school. Pupils show great care for each other and enjoy celebrating each other’s successes.
- Your determination that pupils at Alderton Infants get “only the best” has paid off.
- 100% of parents who responded to Parent View agreed that their children are safe and well cared for at school.
- You have created a culture of care and vigilance and are passionate about ensuring that pupils and parents feel safe, both physically and emotionally.
- High expectations are clearly understood by all staff.
- Children settle quickly and come on in leaps and bounds.
- The quality of teaching & learning is consistently good from Reception to the end of Year 2.
- Teaching assistants very effectively support, guide and sensitively step in to ensure that pupils concentrate hard on what they are learning.
- Additional funding is spent wisely to support both families and pupils.
- Safeguarding is effective.
- Children and pupils make good progress from their varying starting points.
- You leave no stone unturned, often going over and above what might reasonably be expected to support families and pupils.

Thank you to those parent/carers who responded to Ofsted’s questionnaire at such short notice. We were overwhelmed by the positive feedback. “Children are nurtured, cared for and treated with kindness, and taught valuable morals and principals.” Another said, “It is a lovely school where my child is thriving.” We could not ask for a better accolade.

Since our last Ofsted in May 2013, the school’s roll has increased, the Ofsted Framework has changed, a new National Curriculum has been introduced alongside a new approach to assessment and national expectations and standards of pupils’ learning are higher than ever. Despite these significant changes we are immensely proud of how we as a school have continued to develop. Thank you to all the pupils, staff and Governors for their hard work and determination to drive our school onwards and upwards towards Outstanding. This could not have been achieved without everyone working as a strong team.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Dalby
Headteacher

Rebecca Fricker
Chair of Governors