



Sharpness Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Ofsted Inspection – Final Report

We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to the summer term.

Today we received the final Ofsted report following our inspection in January. Please click on the following link to view the full report:

[Sharpness Primary School Ofsted Report](#)

We are very pleased that the inspection recognised the warm, welcoming and inclusive ethos that makes our school such a special place. Inspectors highlighted that pupils feel safe, happy and well cared for, and that relationships between staff and pupils are strong. Behaviour across the school is positive, and children show kindness, respect and a genuine pride in being part of our community. We are particularly proud that safeguarding was recognised as effective, with a strong culture where pupils' wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do.

The report also recognises strengths in pupils' personal development. Children are developing into confident, thoughtful individuals who understand the importance of respect, diversity and responsibility. Opportunities such as clubs, trips and wider experiences were praised for helping pupils grow in confidence and discover new interests.

In addition, outcomes remain a strength, with many pupils achieving well by the end of Year 6; our three-year average for pupils attaining the expected standard in reading, writing and maths is above the national average.

As with any inspection, there are areas identified for further development. These include:

- Improving the consistency and quality of writing across the school
- Ensuring greater consistency in teaching and curriculum delivery
- Strengthening support and tracking for pupils with SEND
- Continuing to improve attendance, particularly for a small number of pupils



The areas for development identified are already priorities within our 2025/26 School Development Plan, and work is well underway. For example:

- A new writing curriculum has been introduced to strengthen pupils' basic skills from the early years through to Year 6
- Staff training and curriculum development are ongoing to ensure consistently high expectations in all subjects
- Systems to track and evaluate support for pupils with SEND are being refined to ensure every child achieves as well as they can
- Attendance continues to be a key focus, with targeted support for families where needed

While inspectors noted that some of these improvements are at an early stage, we are confident that the actions we are taking are the right ones and will have a positive impact over time.

We are grateful for the continued support of our families. Many of you shared positive feedback during the inspection, particularly about the school's caring atmosphere and strong sense of community. This partnership is vital as we continue to move forward.

If you would like to discuss the report or our next steps in more detail, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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