



Abbey Lane Primary School

Ofsted Announcement

Ofsted Inspection – 27th and 28th February 2024

We are delighted to be able to say that we have now received our Ofsted inspection report. It will be published on the Ofsted website within the next two weeks. It's attached to this message but you can also find it on our website under the 'Key Information' section.

The headline from this report is that Abbey Lane remains a **Good** school. We are really pleased with how the inspection went and the report that we have received. It was a chance for us to show off what a brilliant school we have here and the Ofsted inspectors who carried out the inspection clearly think the same as we do. They were full of positive things to say about Abbey Lane but, in particular, they kept saying throughout the two day inspection how amazing our children are – the children were a credit to all of you (as they always are) and we couldn't be prouder of them. They demonstrated our Core Values throughout – it was mentioned that the children that they met with and spoke to were incredibly polite, respectful and very articulate.

This judgement also reinforces just how brilliant and committed our staff are. The lead inspector commented on how strong the relationships are between the staff and children which is evident every time I walk round school. The staff team work so hard and always put your children first. The inspection wouldn't have been half as successful as it was without them and all that they do day in, day out. They deserve a huge congratulations for this outcome.

I would like to also thank all of the parents/carers that took the time to complete the parent survey that Ofsted sent out. The responses were overwhelmingly positive about school and, although we don't get to hear all the comments that you wrote on the form, the lead inspector did read a few out to me and they were lovely to hear. I can't thank you enough for your support this year.

I'll let you read the report for yourselves but I just wanted to share with you something that the lead inspector said when he gave us his verbal feedback at the end of the inspection:

"As an inspector, there are some schools that I always keep an eye on after I've left – just to see how they get on. Abbey Lane is one of those. It is one of the rare schools that gets under your skin in a very positive way. I can see this school going from strength to strength in the near future."

We left a mark on him because of how amazing our children are, how incredibly talented and devoted our staff are and how brilliant our community is. This isn't just a judgement on the school, this feedback is on all of the above so well done!

It is a very positive report and we are all very proud of it. It's just what everyone involved with the school needs and deserves.

(A very proud) Mr Calcutt