

# Halsnead Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As many of you will be aware, Ofsted came to visit our school last month to review the progress that we are making.

We are delighted to tell you that the inspectors found that there had been, "many positive changes" at our school and they praised our pupils and staff for all that they are achieving.

As part of their evaluations, inspectors found that, "pupils are eager to learn and are developing the skills they need to be successful learners...They try their best to be the independent, cooperative and confident learners that teachers want them to be." They also noted that there has been, "a cultural transformation of the school" when referring to the introduction of the new values and expectations that have helped, "to underpin every element of school life and open up new opportunities for pupils".

As a result, we are really proud of the fact that "pupils told us (the inspectors) there have been many changes recently all of which have made the school a better place."

Other highlights the inspectors noted include:

- Pupils enjoy talking about their learning. They talked enthusiastically to us throughout the inspection and told us that they like science, mathematics and physical education (PE).
- Pupils enjoy the increasing range of sports and extra-curricular activities available to them. They like to dance and play football and dodgeball. Pupils enjoy playing various percussion instruments including drums and steel pans.
- Pupils like to have their voices heard. They vote for junior leaders and subject ambassadors and regularly do good deeds. These include raising money for the local hospice and for cancer charities. Pupils have visited various places of worship and learn about different religions.
- Children enjoy visiting the school allotment, where they search for different shapes and develop their appreciation of the natural world. They are well looked after and behave well.
- Members of the junior leadership team are proud to demonstrate that they are responsible citizens.
- All pupils take part in physical activities with enthusiasm. They enjoy running or walking the 'daily mile'.

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Taking all of the evidence into account, the behaviour and attitudes of pupils were given a 'good' rating by the education watchdog, which really is testament to what fantastic children we have at the school. Due to historical legacies, the school was graded as requiring improvement overall.

While the overall grade is not the one that we aspire to, and we know there is still more to do, we now have the foundations in place for a bright future for Halsnead.

We were pleased to receive so many positive comments from Ofsted about the progress we are making and look forward to working on the recommendations they have made.

A full copy of the report is available on our website. If you do have any questions, then please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Taylor', written in a cursive style.

H. Taylor  
Headteacher