

Netley Abbey Junior School

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Dear Parents

I am delighted to be able to share with you our latest letter from Ofsted confirming that the junior school maintains its good judgement, under a new and more rigorous system. The layout of the letter is different than you may have seen before as there were changes to the inspection procedure from January 2018. It was a very thorough inspection, albeit short. During his visit, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI) chatted with lots of our children, went into lessons, scrutinised work and our assessment data, observed play and held several meetings.

I was gratified that HMI recognised the hard work of all those involved and how effectively our staff ensure that pupils have varied opportunities to 'be the best that they can be'! The key areas of strength were summarised as:

- We are highly ambitious for our pupils.
- Attainment in the school is consistently higher than the national average, both at the expected standard and higher standard.
- Progress is greater than the national average (in some respects, in the top 20% of schools).
- The percentage of disadvantaged pupils achieving the expected standard is significantly greater than the national average.
- Safeguarding is effective and strong with thorough systems in place.
- Support for pupils with Special Educational Needs is strong and children with complex needs have effective support.
- Teaching is consistent across the school and we have strong evidence of good and outstanding progress.
- Staff deal with incidents of poor behaviour and bullying effectively and pupils at Netley Abbey Junior School demonstrate good levels of behaviour.

I am thrilled with their report and it really is indicative of the hard work and professionalism of all of the staff, the determination and behaviour of our pupils and the support of you as parents and carers. We will be using the report, verbal feedback and our ongoing school development plan as the base from which to continue improving our school further.

Should you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or a member of the school leadership team to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Nicholas-Bond
Headteacher