



OFSTED NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to let you know that the report from our recent Ofsted inspection is now available.

The inspection process was extremely thorough and I am delighted to announce that Ofsted have judged Swindon Village Primary as Good in all areas once again. This is a fantastic achievement within the current OFSTED framework. The inspector talked very positively about the ethos of the school, the curriculum we provide and our wonderful children.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank our hard-working and talented staff team who continue to provide great education for your child(ren). Due to this hard work and commitment to providing the very best, the inspector noted that we have high ambition and expectations for all the children and that our values promote good behaviour and teach the children important life skills such as tolerance, patience, happiness, courage and determination.

An important aspect of the new inspection framework is a deeper focus on the wider curriculum looking at subjects beyond English and Maths. This change in emphasis was welcomed by us as we have always ensured our children have a wide ranging, engaging curriculum. During the COVID pandemic, we took the bold decision to re-write our curriculum offer. This has been positively recognised during the inspection... *'The school has created the curriculum to reflect the school's community. They have considered what pupils need to know and remember' ... 'The curriculum is well sequenced'... 'The school's 'bucket-list' [Trips & Experiences] and personal development provide pupils with a range of learning experiences beyond the academic'.*

Other highlights from the report include the following:

- Children in Early Years get off to a great start and settle well.
- Daily phonics lessons help pupils to develop the knowledge and skills that they need to be able to read.
- Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) receive the help that they need to learn the same curriculum as their peers. The school is quick to

identify pupils with SEND and also provides effective pastoral support to help with pupils emotional and social needs.

- The school helps pupils to develop and love of reading
- Pupils are polite and well-mannered
- Pupils learn about different cultures
- There are clear expectations for behaviour and pupils understand these.
- Staff help pupils to succeed
- There is a clear inclusive ethos.
- Pupils enjoy a challenge and strive to do their best.
- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Thank you to every member of the school who are working tirelessly to make Swindon Village a wonderful and flourishing place for children to learn. Also, thank you to parents and carers for your welcomed and continued support. We will continue to build on our successes whilst maintaining our ethos of our 3Bs – Being Kind, Being Respectful, Being the Best you can be.

Please see the full Ofsted report below.

<http://www.swindonvillage.co.uk/Uploads/SVPS/Documents/10297925%20-%20Swindon%20Village%20Prim%20-%20115744%20Final%20PDF.pdf>

Many thanks and take care,



Mr. Mills – Headteacher