



Brighstone C.E. Aided Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Inspection Report

Following our recent inspection on 6th and 7th February, we are delighted to be able to share the Ofsted Inspection report with you, prior to its publication on the Ofsted website within the next week.

As you will see from the report, Ofsted have rated Brighstone CE Aided Primary School 'Good' in every area (Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision) resulting in 'Good' for overall effectiveness as a school. First and foremost, we would like to say a big thank you to our children, staff, families and governors for all the hard work and support you have given us over the last few years in helping us on our journey to 'Good'. We are extremely proud of our little school.

The inspectors recognised how our values of Love, Courage and Respect are at the heart of our Brighstone community. They were able to clearly recognise the aspects of the school that make Brighstone Primary a special place to learn and work. The official report only encompasses a small fraction of the feedback that we received from the inspectors, so we have included a few extra bits of the feedback here:

- There is a strong culture of safeguarding across the whole school, with a real tenacity from the safeguarding leads
- School leaders and subject leaders have strong ambitions for the children
- Children are really excited about their learning and enjoy talking about it
- At playtimes and lunchtimes, the children are happy, engaged and playing well together
- Children are proud of the school and are looked after by each other
- Children talk with respect to adults and to each other
- There are real strengths in what we provide for personal development, including the EARA group, School Council, pupil leadership roles, pupil DSLs, Interfaith week, learning about different cultures, wide range of trips and residential
- We provide a diverse range of clubs with a strong offer, especially for a small primary school
- The school is really strong on teaching about protected characteristics, prejudice, discrimination, diversity and difference, including non-binary
- We have good community links
- There are opportunities for spiritual development within a strong Christian ethos, and including good links with church and SWAY
- There has been lots of investment in staff professional development and there is strong subject leadership autonomy
- We have happy staff who enjoy being a part of the team
- Governors have good oversight and hold leaders to account

The Ofsted report is undoubtedly positive. We will continue to put in place the inspectors' suggestions for improvements, and maintain our unwavering commitment to the highest quality of education, care and opportunity for every child at Brighstone Primary.

This is a fantastic achievement for everyone in our school community and is something to be hugely proud of.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Mrs Rebecca Lennon
Headteacher



Mr Steve Fairclough
Chair of Governors