



WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcoming - Kind - Polite - Successful

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Please find attached our West Kirby Primary School Ofsted report from March 2023.

As you are aware, West Kirby Primary School was notified of the Ofsted inspection on Monday 6th March 2023 and was inspected by Bev Dolman on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th March 2023. The notification informed us that the inspection would be an **ungraded inspection**. An ungraded inspection differs from a graded inspection because it does not result in individual graded judgements, but focuses on determining whether the school remains the same grade as at the school's previous graded inspection. It cannot change the overall effectiveness grade of the school unless there are any concerns about safeguarding, behaviour or the quality of education, then Ofsted can deem it to become a graded inspection immediately. This was the first ungraded inspection since Ofsted judged the school to be good in May 2017.

Therefore, we are pleased to confirm that West Kirby Primary School continues to be a good school.

We would like to highlight a few extracts from our Ofsted report that we are very proud of.

- *'The West Kirby Primary School values shine throughout the life of the school. Pupils are welcoming, kind, polite and successful. They develop warm and caring relationships with staff. These strong relationships begin in the early years, where staff successfully support children to settle into school routines'*
- *'Staff set the highest expectations for pupils' behaviour.'*
- *'Pupils access many opportunities that help them to discover and develop their talents and interest.'*
- *'Pupils are proud to attend this school. They are keen to do well and are ambitious for their futures.'*
- *'Pupils said that West Kirby Primary School is a special place because everyone is welcome and included.'*
- *'Leaders have designed a purposeful and ambitious curriculum.'*
- *'Leaders and staff accurately identify the specific needs of pupils.'*
- *'Leaders prioritise pupils' personal development.'*
- *'Governors know the school and its community well.'*
- *'The Reading curriculum is strong'*
- *'Leaders have prioritised the development of reading for pleasure.'*

As part of the Ofsted process the Local Authority attend the final feedback meeting. We are proud that our strong reading culture and reading curriculum has also been recognised by Wirral Local Authority. Consequently, we have been asked to share our good practice with other Wirral Schools.

One of the key roles of Ofsted is to point us in the right direction for further development. We welcome this to ensure that we can continue to enhance our school even further. As the Ofsted report states, we will ensure that all learning opportunities across the whole school match the ambition of our curriculum so that all pupils learn the depth of knowledge needed.

Our positive Ofsted report is a testimony to the hard work, dedication, commitment and support from our whole school community, including you as parents and carers – thank you.

The West Kirby Primary School report will be published on the Ofsted website in the coming days.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey (Headteacher)

Mrs L Wood (Chair of Governors)