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# Stockton Wood Primary School

## *'Laying Foundations for Life'*



## OFSTED News!

### 'A great place for pupils to learn!'

As you know our school was inspected recently. We have attached the report and here is a summary too.



We are delighted to share the great news!

### What did the Lead Inspector say overall?

- our school is 'better than good'!
- practice is 'exemplary'
- it is a 'special place'
- a unique feature is it's strength in developing pupils' life skills and values!



The Lead Inspector decided that the evidence collected suggested our school could even be judged as '**outstanding**'.

The way schools are inspected has just changed so if inspectors decide that a school should have it's judgement changed from the previous inspection (we were judged as good) they recommend that the school has another inspection (Section 5) in a year or two to confirm this. (It's a bit complicated but still great news!)

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## What is it like to attend this school?

### What did OFSTED say?

- Children 'enjoy learning and achieve well'.
- School provides a sanctuary where 'children' have fun, feel safe and learn new things.
- Attendance and punctuality are excellent.
- Children are 'polite and well mannered' and 'socialise well with one another'.
- Teachers have high aspirations for all children.
- Children strive to do well.
- Children's learning stretches beyond the class room.
- Children were 'excited to tell about their visits to local places' and beyond.
- Children make the most of the wide range of clubs offered.
- Parents and carers are very supportive of the school.
- The parent school partnership is strong.



## Safeguarding

### What did OFSTED say

- Arrangements are effective
- ... pupils are safe and supported...
- Staff are vigilant...
- Leaders take action quickly ... and minimise the risks ...
- The curriculum is planned well to help pupils keep themselves safe.

## What does the school do well

### What did OFSTED say?

Leaders and managers have designed the curriculum to:

- 'Lay the Foundations for Life'
- ...make learning rich and meaningful
- ...maximise pupils' enjoyment and achievement



## What does the school do well

### What did OFSTED say?

Teachers know and understand well the whole curriculum across all subjects and 'pupils learn well':



- Everyday maths helps children to apply their skills and knowledge.
- Reading is a priority.
- Children are taught to read as soon as they enter school.
- Children 'relish reading time'.
- Teachers develop children's wider spiritual, social, moral and cultural understanding well.
- School helps children to be appreciate and tolerant of those different to themselves.

A unique feature is it's strength in developing pupils' life skills and values:



- Teachers model kindness and respect and pupils mirror these behaviors...
- Children learn to pay close attention to their feelings and those of others.
- 'A Quiet Place' provides a relaxing haven ...
- Staff are well trained to support pupils mental health.
- 'Life Savers' project teaches valuable financial awareness. Pupils work as a team and learn leadership skills.

The school supports pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities exceptionally well:

- Teachers plan their learning well to help them achieve to their best.
- Teaching assistants provide sensitive and expert help...



## What does the school do well

### What did the OFSTED say?

- Leaders ensure that this school is not only a great place for pupils to learn and achieve but also a great place to work.
- Staff know the community well.
- Staff whole heartedly share the values of the school and it's moral purpose ... to 'Lay the Foundations for Life.'



## Continuous improvement and recommendations

We are continually striving to make our school even better. We write these plans in our school development plan.

OFSTED have agreed with our plans in their recommendation:

- \* Leaders have devised a well-thought-out and effective curriculum. They should ensure that the strengths of this curriculum are sustained and that pupils achieve their best in all subjects.

### Finally....

We are very pleased and proud that OFSTED recognised the contributions made by **everyone** across our school community that make our school 'a special place' and the many good and outstanding features of our school.

Thank you to all parents and families for providing the vital support to the children which enables them to succeed at school and helps our school be the best it can be!

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