



CANFORD HEATH INFANT and JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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Article 28: Children have a right to a primary education.

Thursday 4th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ofsted Inspection March 2023 – WE ARE OUTSTANDING!!

What a wonderful letter for us to write to you all today!! As you will be aware, on 21st and 22nd of March, we were inspected by Ofsted. We were last inspected 15 years ago, so we were keen to know that our continuous strive for excellence would be recognised.

We are absolutely delighted to let you know that Canford Heath Infant School continues to be Outstanding, under the new inspection framework. Since 2008, the inspection framework has changed a number of times, and is significantly different now. Outstanding is a challenging and exacting judgement and requires the following areas to be exceptional: quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management and the quality of Early Years.

We are so proud that our school has been graded 'Outstanding' in all areas:

- Overall effectiveness – Outstanding
- The quality of education – Outstanding
- Behaviour and attitudes – Outstanding
- Personal development – Outstanding
- Leadership and management – Outstanding
- Early years provision – Outstanding

We have attached a full copy of the report for you to read. It is extremely difficult to pick out highlights, but here the key statements we are most proud of:

- 'Canford Heath Infants is a beacon of excellence.'
- 'Staff create an environment where pupils thrive and evolve.'
- 'Pupils love their school.'
- 'Pupils behaviour is exceptional.'
- 'Staff are superb role models.'



Canford Heath Infant School

Canford Heath Junior School



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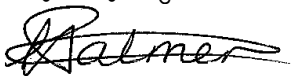
- 'Staff offer exceptional pastoral support to pupils and their families.'
- 'The motto of 'children first' shines throughout every aspect of the school's work.'
- 'Leaders have designed an ambitious, inclusive and exciting curriculum which has pupils' needs at its heart.'
- 'Pupils with SEND achieve exceptionally well across the curriculum.'
- 'Leaders are determined that every pupil will become a fluent reader by the time they leave Year 2.'
- 'Pupils' wider personal development programme is exceptional.'
- 'Pupils' service to the community is impressive.'
- 'Leaders are unified in their belief that every pupil deserves the very best quality education and care.'
- 'Staff feel well supported.'
- 'Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the school, with many commenting on how the leaders and staff constantly go above and beyond.'

Over the last year, only 4% of schools in the country have been graded outstanding using the current inspection framework. (Watchsted April 2023). Furthermore, we are also the first school in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole to be graded Outstanding under the current framework.

We cannot express enough how extremely proud we are of our dedicated staff for all they do for the school every single day - and we know that this excellent outcome could not have been achieved without our fantastic children, families and community. We would also like to say a huge thank you for the feedback we received on Ofsted Parent View. To have 101 responses, with such overwhelmingly positive feedback, was incredible and something that, as a school team, we are hugely honoured to receive. It is fabulous to hear that 100% of those that completed the survey would recommend our school to another parent. As always, we highly value your contribution and involvement in making our school community one to be exceptionally proud of.

We are aware that there has been much discussion in the national press about Ofsted, its inspection processes and its impact on schools, and we understand and empathise with the variety of viewpoints on the grading system. Nonetheless, we see this 'Outstanding' grade as a reflection of everything the school does, every single day, to make it the best place to be for our children and staff - and we hope you will join us in being so, so proud of what this means about our practice and care for our little people.

Yours faithfully



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CEO



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