

Merton Junior School

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'Be wise, together we succeed'

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to you all! And what better way to kick start the new year than by sharing the outcome from our recent (November 2022) Ofsted inspection. I am extremely pleased to confirm with you all that:

“Merton Junior School continues to be a good school.”

The complete report can be found on our school website under the 'Letters' tab. The inspector met with staff and children throughout her very thorough inspection, and found the following to be true, which echoed our own judgements of the school:

- ★ Pupils are happy and safe at Merton.
- ★ Pupils are respectful and keen to learn. They enjoy their lessons and they work hard.
- ★ Leaders have high expectations for every pupil.
- ★ Pupils trust adults to help them when they have problems.
- ★ Pupils behave well.
- ★ Pupils enjoy and appreciate the wide range of opportunities they have
- ★ Leaders and staff have high expectations for all pupils' achievement in a full range of subjects. They have built a curriculum that is ambitious, broad and well organised.
- ★ Rewards and sanctions for behaviour are fair, and everyone is treated equally.
- ★ Leaders have created a culture where reading is valued. They successfully promote pupils' enjoyment of reading through challenges and frequent discussion about books.
- ★ The safeguarding culture is strong.
- ★ Leaders and staff work effectively as a team.
- ★ Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are supported effectively in their learning.
- ★ The curriculum teaches pupils how to keep themselves safe.

We are incredibly proud to confirm that this validates our own judgements. The areas that have been highlighted for us to improve had been identified in our School Improvement Plan and actions had already started, with impact seen already. We will continue to work on these, and are confident that we will see further improvements.

As always, thank you for your support; as they say "*it takes a village to raise a child*" and a collaborative approach with our families is what we are all about at Merton. Thank you for your input into Parent View – to know that 100% of the parents who answered the survey (50 responses in total) would recommend our school to other parents is a real achievement and something we are incredibly proud of.

The children's own passion for their school really came out during the inspection. There were lots of children who were spoken to during the two day inspection, and they should all be really proud of the way in which they articulated their responses and represented our school.

I would like to express an enormous thank you to the staff for everything that they do, day in and day out, for each and every child, and for their dedication to the pupils at Merton. We feel strongly about providing our pupils with the best education, in a safe, nurturing and challenging environment so that they can be as successful as possible in the future. We believe in what we do and we do it for the children.

If you have any questions about anything in the report, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be more than happy to meet with you.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K Reading

Headteacher