



Heelands School

'This is an effective school where pupils' well-being and enjoyment of learning are a high priority.'

'The curriculum you provide is a strength of the school.'

'You display very high levels of care for your pupils and make sure that they enjoy their school experience in a safe and nurturing environment.'

'Pupils are excited by their learning and talk with great enthusiasm about lessons.'

'You have a detailed knowledge of every child in the school and are ambitious for each one to achieve the best they can.'

Dear Parents and carers,

thank you so much for all your support and encouragement during our recent Ofsted inspection, I am very pleased to tell you that we retained our 'Good' rating and the inspector's lovely comments above reflect the elements of our school that we are most proud of and that make it such a special place. During the inspection the children were a great credit both to us and to you as parents; their behaviour was excellent, they spoke to the inspector confidently and with great maturity and they demonstrated how hard they work but also how much they enjoy life at school - we couldn't have been more proud of them.

Similarly, your parent responses were overwhelmingly supportive of the school. We had 41 Parent View responses, which is quite a phenomenal number for a small school (at our last inspection we had 10) and the inspector was particularly impressed by the fact that 98% of parents said they would recommend our school so many, many thanks to those who responded.

You may well be wondering why we are so pleased to be 'Good' - yet again! Under the current schedule, schools rated as 'good' have a one day inspection to ensure that the standards of teaching and learning remain high and the safeguarding of children is secure. Under this schedule, a school's grading cannot be changed but Ofsted can return within two years if they believe the school is almost outstanding or requires improvement.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who work extremely hard every day to make learning so enjoyable and who put the children's happiness and well-being at the heart of everything they do. I'm incredibly lucky to have such an outstanding team of staff and governors around me, thank you everyone.

You can read the full report on the school website or at: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk> or contact Mrs Phillips in the office if you would like a paper copy of the report.

Best wishes,

Lesley Barnard