

Shaw Wood Academy

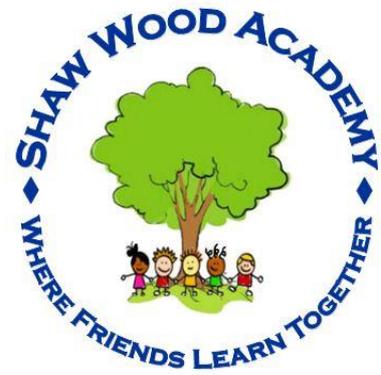
Where Friends Learn Together & Everyone Matters

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Dear Parent

Ofsted Inspection

As you will know Shaw Wood was recently inspected by Ofsted. Following any inspection we are unable to share the outcome until the report has been agreed by Her Majesty's Inspectors.

The report will be published on the Ofsted website today and so I am now able to share the contents with you.

I am extremely proud that Shaw Wood is now acknowledged to be a 'good' school and also that many aspects of our work here are praised even more highly. We are particularly delighted that:

- The conduct of our children was seen to be impeccable and work to promote their personal development and welfare is outstanding
- Attendance has improved because pupils enjoy school and are enthusiastic learners
- Pupils make good progress and swiftly improve
- Staff support pupils with SEND very skilfully
- All teaching is at least good and some outstanding – including the teaching of phonics
- Our exciting curriculum ignites pupils' interest
- Governors make excellent use of information about pupils' progress to assess the school's success

Over both days the team of inspectors took time to speak to some of our parents. They also looked carefully at the comments you have written following performances and events and they were able to check your views online. I would like to thank you all for the comments you made which were overwhelmingly positive and enabled the lead inspector to quote that one parent wrote:

'My children have been attending this school for many years and it continues to improve year on year. Children are happy. They look forward to attending school and always come home with a smile.'

There are of course things we can do to improve and Ofsted were able to identify that to be fully outstanding we need to make sure that **all** children make excellent progress in writing. We agree with them and all our parents can be absolutely sure that we will do everything we can to make this happen.

My thanks go to every single member of the school team and to all parents, friends and the wider community for the hard work and support both during the inspection and throughout the year. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to make sure that Shaw Wood now remains a great school that the community of Armthorpe can be proud of.

Kindest regards

Jo Campbell

Executive Headteacher

