
Blundeston CEVCP School

A Place to Flourish

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10)



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Dear Parents/Carers,

IT'S OFFICIAL! BLUNDESTON CONTINUES TO BE A GOOD SCHOOL!

I am delighted to finally attach a copy of our Ofsted report from our inspection on 11-12th December 2019.

As an existing good school, we were subject to a Section 8 inspection which involved one inspector for two days. The process was extremely thorough and the inspector, Mr. Nick Butt, had a very full programme as he looked at numerous aspects of the school's work. You may be aware that there has been a shift in the new Ofsted framework, with more focus on the "quality of education", i.e. the curriculum and what we are teaching the children and the impact of this. Nick focused closely on reading, maths and history during the two days, by looking at books, hearing children read and by talking to subject leaders and children.

Safeguarding and behaviour were looked at carefully too.

The Governors, Mr. Easterbrook and I are thrilled that the hard work of everyone at the school has been recognised officially. I am pleased that the children's excellent behaviour has been acknowledged, as well as the impact of the school's Christian values. Our beautiful new mural even gets a mention – Nick was certainly blown away by this!

Our curriculum is also celebrated within the report – Nick liked the fact that teachers plan topics together and the rich variety of visits and visitors we offer the children.

Our Early Years is praised as children "get off to an excellent start". We are also pleased that our response to the drop in our KS2 reading results has been commended and that the inspector could see that Accelerated Reader is building children's understanding.

I am delighted that the inspector acknowledges that the school has a prominent safeguarding culture, as I have always felt this is a real strength of the school.

I am also thrilled that our support for children with special educational needs is recognised, including the new nurture group.

All in all, I am a very proud Headteacher! Ofsted inspections last for only two days, but really they are a measure of the hard work that goes on every day in school. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our amazing staff team at Blundeston once again for all the care, attention and dedication they put in daily to help, guide and teach the children, so they can flourish.

Thank you again to all the parents who provided feedback to the inspector and for your contributions to the inspection itself. I hope you are as delighted with the report as I am!

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

Helen Laflin

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Headteacher