

Dormansland Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



I am delighted to be able to tell you that, following our recent Ofsted Section 8 inspection, Dormansland has retained its 'Good' judgement.

Since September 2019, the Ofsted framework for inspection has changed. Those of you who have been here for previous inspections will notice that the report is considerably shorter than any you have received before. It focuses on all of the things that we are doing well, as well as making a suggestion for an area of improvement. This development point is around the way in which we build on the children's prior learning in one or two of our foundation subjects, so that these are more in line with the excellent work that is going on in English, Maths, Science and many other subject areas. This was already something that we had identified ourselves, as you will have seen in our School Development Plan that I sent home two weeks ago.

I am particularly pleased to see that the inspector acknowledged all of the hard work that has gone into our care for the children's emotional well being. Apparently, this was the first ever report he has had to write where he felt compelled to mention a school dog! It was wonderful to see so many of our children talking to him with confidence and enthusiasm during his two day visit; I even had to renegotiate his timetable to enable a group of Year 6 children to speak with him as they were so determined that he would hear what they had to say about Dormansland.

Thank you again to all of our families. By sending your children into school each day, working with the staff to address any concerns quickly and effectively, attending our school events, letting me know what you love and what would make our school even better and entrusting your children daily into my care, you have played a significant part in the outcome of this inspection. I genuinely could not be more proud to call myself the Head Teacher of Dormansland Primary School.

We won't be standing still, as you can well imagine. There is plenty for us to do this term in our preparations for Christmas, and the staff will continue working hard behind the scenes to make sure that our curriculum provision is the best it can be for every child. But we will be allowing ourselves a few moments to enjoy reading our report, and I hope that you do the same.

With my very best wishes,

Sarah Stokes

