



Dringhouses

Primary School | York

Dear Families,

It is with pleasure that I attach the school's most recent Ofsted report.

Dringhouses Primary is a GOOD school.

Ofsted carry out graded and ungraded inspections. Ungraded inspections are more like ongoing quality assurance and don't provide a new judgement, while graded inspections are a full audit from the ground up, with an associated judgement - our inspection was graded.

We were last inspected (ungraded) in May 2019, and in September 2019, Ofsted changed the entire framework by which schools were measured. Where previously data was the key measure and indicator of a school's success, now curriculum and personal development are the fundamentals of the judgement. The recent inspection validates what we already knew about our school - our staff are great, our children are great, our families are great, and our community is one that we are incredibly proud of.

We've already integrated the development points from the report into our school development plan, and the inspection team felt confident that the leadership team are reflective, and responsive. The report (as reports tend to be these days) is concise and factual - somewhat impersonal, and officious. Such is the system.

However, I want to take the opportunity to thank and to celebrate the incredible efforts of the entire team here at Dringhouses: in the current climate, under the current inspection regime, 'good' is great. All of the staff worked and continue to work *incredibly* hard, in the best interests of your children. Ofsted recognised so many positive things that contributed to the overall report but that didn't make it into the final report - we will be sharing those things with the staff and with the children.

Those two days in November were the most intense days of professional scrutiny that a school can experience. The team (staff, children, families, governors) as a whole should feel fantastically proud to have achieved what they have done in creating and maintaining this wonderful community, and then in supporting each other, for better for worse, in sickness and in health, in inspection and in the many, many, many more important days when not in inspection.

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. (C.S.Lewis) : at Dringhouses Primary, we have integrity.

We know that at Dringhouses Primary School we work together to provide the best education to develop good people - Ofsted know that too.

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