

Good Ofsted Rating for 'Thriving' Broadlands Primary School

Staff and pupils at Broadlands Primary School are celebrating following an Ofsted inspection last month that has seen the school rated as 'Good' in all areas.

This is fantastic news for the school's whole community and Executive Headteacher, Simon Robertson, has praised staff at the school and explained that he feels this rating is fully deserved and a true reflection of the hard work that has been done over several years.

The report states clearly that 'pupils thrive at Broadlands Primary School', that 'staff know them as individuals' and 'leaders and staff have established a warm and nurturing feel to the school', helping pupils to 'recognise their own emotions and to care for one another'.

The inspectors found clear evidence that pupils feel safe and happy and that they treat each other, and adults, with respect. The pupils know there are always adults they can speak to, and that bullying is 'rare', with pupils playing happily at social times.

Academically, the report states the school's leaders have high expectations and that the curriculum is ambitious for all pupils,

including those with special educational needs. The teachers were found to have secure subject knowledge and are always looking to fill any gaps in pupils' learning.

The school also received praise for prioritising reading and it was noted that the structured phonics programme from early years onwards ensures that pupils 'learn about letters and their sounds in a logical order'.

Speaking with pride about the report, Mr Robertson said:

"I am absolutely delighted with this report and it is truly fantastic news for the whole school. The 'good' grading is the culmination of a huge amount of hard work and is the very least the staff, pupils and parents/carers deserve for their efforts.

"There are so many positive comments in the report it is difficult to pick out highlights; the acknowledgement that the children thrive, as well as feel happy and safe, is very rewarding.

"When you add the fact that the teaching receives high praise in terms of the learning opportunities it offers pupils, it becomes clear quite how impressed the inspectors



were on their visit. It's very satisfying to read that the 'nurturing culture' was obvious and that the emotional support that is on offer for pupils was seen to help create a 'calm and orderly environment'.

"While everyone at the school can feel very proud of this report, I can reassure our families that we will not be resting on our laurels and that we had already identified - and were addressing - the small number of areas for improvement mentioned by Ofsted.

"The 'good' grading is an important step forward as it clearly evidences the positive progress that has been made at Broadlands, but every single member of staff retains the drive to provide the very best education for all our pupils to give them the best start possible to their academic journey."

Tours of the school are available by contacting the school on 01432 266772 or admin@broadlands.hereford.sch.uk

Broadlands continues to perform above national and local authority averages with 64% achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths (National 59%)

Broadlands has recently been rated 'GOOD' by Ofsted in all areas. Please contact the school office to book a tour

Children who attend Broadlands and Withington are higher priority for admissions to Aylestone (oversubscribed in all Year groups Sept 2022)



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From a recent survey:

100% of parents state that the school keeps their children safe

100% of parents state that the quality of teaching is good

100% of parents are happy with their children's experiences in school.

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"Pupils thrive at Broadlands Primary School. Staff know them as individuals"

"Leaders and staff have established a warm and nurturing feel to the school"

"Leaders have high expectations for staff and pupils alike"

"Leaders have planned an ambitious curriculum for all pupils"

"Pupils feel safe and happy"

"Pupils, including children in early years, concentrate very well in lessons and behave responsibly"

"The way that staff meet the additional needs of pupils with SEND is a strength of the school"

"The nurturing culture of the school leads pupils to act responsibly, and to care for each other"