

This is a good school. The headteacher's passion and aspiration for every pupil to succeed have ensured that her vision of creating a school where pupils and adults love to learn has become a reality.

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“The curriculum is vibrant and stimulating... The school is a bright, engaging, nurturing environment where adults strive to develop the ‘whole child’.”

“Pupils...have developed very positive attitudes to learning and have a good understanding of the future careers they might be interested in. The aspirations that leaders have for the pupils are explicitly displayed.”

“Subject and phase leaders are a strength of the school...Governors have a good range of skills and expertise that add strength to the leadership team...Leaders are relentless in their drive to ensure that pupils are safe and well cared for. ”

“The love of learning that sits at the heart of the school is also found in the school libraries.”

“Teachers and support staff establish excellent relationships with pupils. As a result, pupils become more confident learners and take risks in their learning.”

“Pupils have excellent attitudes and understand how behaving well improves their learning and life chances.”

“Family values are at the heart of the school.”

7/9/17

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems a very long time since the Ofsted Inspection team joined us at the end of June.

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that Ofsted has judged us to be 'Good' overall with three out of the five areas of school inspected judged as 'Outstanding'.

Please find enclosed with this letter our full Ofsted inspection report together with a letter from Stacy Hartshorn, our Chair of Governors. I would urge you to read the full report which we are all extremely proud of. The fact that inspectors witnessed the passion for learning that the children have developed across all subjects and recognised how hard staff work is particularly pleasing.

We are now in a very strong position to embed our best practice and focus on those areas for further development. There will always be areas to work on as educational research develops, and we discover new ways to inspire and nurture our children.

Ofsted inspectors identified three areas in particular we can develop: the teaching of maths, engaging parents as partners and the teaching of writing.

**Maths:** We continue to develop a "mastery approach" to maths following the success of using "Maths No Problem" in Year 1. We are thrilled that Miss Kerrison has been selected to go to Shanghai this month as part of her ongoing work with the Norfolk and Suffolk Maths Hub. There will be a return visit in January from two Chinese teachers to deliver training at Queen's Hills for up to 100 teachers across East Anglia and to work with our own staff.

**Parents and Carers:** As I hope you know you have a crucial part to play in your child's learning and the life of our school. I know that many of our families attended the Teatime Thursdays in the summer holidays, many thanks to Mrs Maskell and her loyal band of volunteers! Phase Leaders are making arrangements to hold Cafes and meetings throughout this term so you can be involved in your child's learning, and they'll be in touch with you about that in due course. Governors will also be exploring with you what else we can do to further involve you in your child's journey of learning.

**Writing:** Improving the children's bank of vocabulary is another key area for us because it has such a positive impact on their writing. In addition, we have reviewed our handwriting style and we are piloting teaching a cursive (joined up) script with children. Writing presentation has improved considerably over the last couple of years, and we know that we can encourage the children to take even greater care with their writing across every subject.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008 our school opened its doors with just 29 pupils. We are so pleased that nine years later the school has continued to grow and hold onto the family values we established in those early days.

As inspectors noted, there is a genuine love of learning at our school and I want to assure you that we will all continue to work hard to give your children the best education we possibly can. We have an extremely dedicated team here at Queen's Hill, one that I am immensely proud to lead.

We look forward to continuing to share our passion for learning with you all.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the report please see my colleagues in the school office to make an appointment with either myself or Mr Roughsedge.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Penny Sheppard

Head Teacher

