



Hillside Avenue Primary and Nursery School

Ofsted Report

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What we do well:

- Children make good progress in the Nursery and Reception classes because teaching is good
- Pupils behave well and say they feel safe
- A new tracking system is giving teachers a much clearer idea of how well pupils are doing
- The school promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development well

Ofsted have told us what we need to do to improve further- these things were already in our action plan and we have been working on them since September.

Increase the consistency of good or better teaching:

We are:

- sharing our good practice across the school and with our local cluster school partners
- building more investigations and challenges into our lessons
- giving children more marking feedback about how to improve their work and giving them time to follow the teacher's advice



'It was brilliant when the Firemen came. They let us hold the hoses and when we sat in the engine they turned on the siren.'
Millie, Year 2

Increase achievement in writing:

We are:

- sharing good practice in teaching writing across the school
- providing teachers with training in the most up-to-date methods to raise standards in writing
- building in more opportunities for children to produce longer pieces of writing in different subjects
- introducing a new spelling policy
- providing training for teachers so that they are skilled at using the new approach to teaching spelling



'I enjoy writing, especially when it's an adventure story.'
Jack, Year 6.

Improve the effectiveness of leadership and management at all levels, including governance:

We are:

- reorganising the way the Governing Body works, making sure all their skills are used
- making sure Governors visit classes, getting to know what children learn and how they make better progress
- asking teachers to make more presentations to the Governing Body and answer questions they might have
- making sure the school leadership team monitors the quality of teaching more rigorously and systematically
- monitoring the impact of interventions, to use those which help the children make the best progress



'It's fun playing outside.'
Oscar, Nursery

I am totally committed to the success of this school and am excited as we continue with our journey of development. We know there is more to be done and all involved – the dedicated school staff and the Governing Body – are working tirelessly to ensure this is achieved as soon as possible. I look forward to celebrating our successes with you all in the future.

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