

# Uplands Junior School

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Head Teacher: Mrs S Webster-Smith

Dear Parent, Carers and Staff

We are delighted to inform you that the report following our Ungraded Ofsted Inspection on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March is now available.

Over the two days in school, the inspector met with school leadership, a representative from the local authority, Governors, staff and talked to many pupils and parents. She read the resoundingly positive responses from the staff and parent questionnaires and trawled through a wealth of school documents, our website, curriculum plans and records. In addition, the inspector observed lessons and school life at Uplands. **We are very pleased the Inspector confirmed that Uplands Junior School remains a Good school.** This was a Section 8, Ungraded Inspection, which means there could be no change to the previous judgment (March 2017) at this time. The focus of this shorter inspection is on Safeguarding and specific elements of the 'Quality of education' offered by the school.

In her feedback and report the inspector praised the pupils and their behavior. She commented on how pupils "make friends and develop tolerance and respect for each other" and described overall behavior as "exemplary". She concluded that Safeguarding at Uplands was robust and highlighted many positive points. Only one area was identified for further development and this relates to the ongoing development of the foundation subject curriculum plans. This is an area we have already been addressing and will continue to build on in the next year.

Strengths of the school included staff having high ambition for pupils, the progress that all pupils including those with SEND make, the positive attitudes shown by pupils and the strength of leadership. Reading was highlighted and praised as well as the extensive range of opportunities we provide for our children.

We are delighted with the report which will be available on the school website and the Ofsted reports website in eight working days.

We are immensely proud of the Uplands school community-the staff team, pupils, parents, carers, and families visiting professionals and volunteers who, under the guidance of the senior leadership team and governors have created an exciting environment for our pupils to learn and grow.

We thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Webster-Smith  
Headteacher

Mrs D Anslow  
Chair of Governors

