



Kents Hill Junior School



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Dear parents and carers of Kents Hill Junior School,

I am delighted to be able to share with you our Ofsted report from June 2023.

We are proud to see so many wonderful elements of our school celebrated, in particular a strong theme throughout the inspection was how well all of our staff know the children who attend our school, **“The staff and pupils have strong relationships. This enables staff to be able to respond to individual pupils’ needs.”**

It was also noted that the implementation of our new behaviour policy **“has ensured that there are high expectations of pupils which they know and understand”** and because of this the school has a **“calm and positive approach to managing behaviour.”**

Another real area of praise is our unique personal development offering. **“Leaders use ‘personal passports’ to ensure that the school curriculum goes beyond the National Curriculum. Passports entitle pupils to experiences they might not otherwise have and provide pupils with some lifelong skills.”**

Our committed and creative staff were highly commended, **“teachers have strong subject knowledge and use this to explain new ideas and concepts. They adapt teaching accordingly. This helps pupils to deepen their learning across the curriculum.”** It is a pleasure and honour to work with such a dedicated and innovative team who go above and beyond for our incredible children every day.

It was commented that we have **“high aspirations for the pupils who attend the school.”** Within this, our **“well-structured”** whole school reading programme was highly commended and through this we **“make sure that any pupils who struggle to learn to read get the extra help they need to catch up quickly.”**

Our amazing children confidently shared their experiences of school life at KHJS and looking after themselves. **“Pupils understand how to look after their mental wellbeing.”** We were delighted that their strong learning attitudes and behaviour was recognised. **“Pupils know how and when to use their ‘toolkit’ which ensures a calm environment.”**

We are pleased that our vast SEND support has been recognised, including the range of interventions and support to ensure all children can access our curriculum. **“Staff have many strategies to support pupils with SEND. They adapt the curriculum where appropriate so that pupils can access the learning. This enables these pupils to learn well alongside their peers.”**

Thank you once again for all of your wonderful support of the school, we look forward to continuing our journey and building on our strengths together. I would like to ask that if at any point, any of our parents and carers do have any questions or concerns, please raise these with us straight away so that the most appropriate member of staff can quickly address these. This ensures that every child in our school loves coming to KHJS.

Kind regards,

Miss J Parkes
Head of Academy

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