

Pupils Achieve in All Areas of the Curriculum at Vernham Dean School

The children, staff and governors at Vernham Dean Gillums Primary School are celebrating after OFSTED awarded them a rating of GOOD after their recent inspection.

Two OFSTED inspectors visited the school in November 2023 over a two day period, spending time with the children, staff, governors and parents; comprehensively assessing all areas of the small and friendly school.

The Overall effectiveness of the school was rated as GOOD, with all areas also making the same grade.

Sharon Pole, Interim Head Teacher of the School said, "I am delighted with our recent 'Good' Inspection result - it reflects the commitment of the skilled staff team and the good quality education the children receive both academically, and for their individual personal development and wellbeing.

"We are always immensely proud of our children and this report validates what we already knew."

Chris Parker, Lead Ofsted Inspector wrote in his report, "The school has high expectations for all its pupils. Leaders have introduced a clear and precise curriculum that teachers are delivering well. This means pupils are achieving much better in all areas of the curriculum. This starts in their Reception Year and continues throughout."

Effective Safeguarding and good behaviour contributed to the GOOD Ofsted rating, with the report commenting on a parent's feedback to the inspection, 'My child is so happy at this school. The school is bringing the children up to be such caring individuals. I have nothing but positive comments for the school.'

Paul Nicol, Chair of Governors said, "I am absolutely thrilled with the rating OFSTED has given to our beautiful village school and would like to thank Sharon Pole and all of the teaching staff for their hard work in ensuring our children get the education they deserve.

"Staff, Parents, Governors and of course the children make this school what the lead inspector said in his report, the 'Small School with a Big Heart.'

"We are so proud of our report and our children and look forward to welcoming new children into our school family in 2024."

Vernham Dean School is accepting applications for September 2024 for all year groups, you can apply by visiting the Hampshire County Council website, by calling the school on 01264 737241 or emailing adminoffice@vernhamdeangillums.hants.sch.uk