



# Glusburn Community Primary School

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## Ofsted Report: Spring 2019

Dear Parents,

Our most recent school inspection report has now been published with overall effectiveness being **Requires Improvement**. The report is available on our school website. Please contact the school if you would like a paper copy.

### Meeting to discuss the report

Parents are invited to school on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm** to discuss the report with us alongside a local authority representative.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our thoughts on the Ofsted judgement.

### Parents' view

Survey evidence shows that an overwhelming percentage of parents believe that our / your school, is a place where children are happy, feel safe, make progress, are well taught and well looked after, you believe that it is well led and managed and that you would recommend the school to others. We would like to thank parents for their support during the inspection, either through their encouraging words to staff, by talking to inspectors or through completing the online survey. Your well-informed judgement would suggest that Glusburn School is a **Good** school.

My child is happy at this school 93%

My child feels safe 93%

My child makes progress 90%

My child is well looked after 95%

My child is well taught 96%

The school is well led and managed 91%

Recommend the school to another parent 94%

### Highlights from the Ofsted report.

We are proud that the report highlights a vast number of positive aspects about our school including how pupils feel safe; how a 'happy atmosphere permeates the school' and how a welcoming and caring ethos is central to our work.

Pupils benefit from effective care and guidance, particularly in the Early Years where the education provided is a strength of the school. Additionally our pupils are recognised as being respectful, caring and knowledgeable global citizens; endorsed by our work with UNICEF.

The caring, inclusive, safe and happy environment provided by school, combined with the judgements made by external agencies, supported by recent test results and the strong evidence gathered from the parent survey, would suggest that Glusburn School is a **Good** school.

There are, however, areas highlighted in the report which require improvement. Ofsted acknowledged that plans and strategies are already being implemented and that progress is being seen, but felt that they needed to be more established.

The Governors accept the recommendations stated in the report and will work closely with the Senior Leadership Team and the Local Authority advisory team to monitor the impact of the steps taken to secure improvements.



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Whilst the Ofsted judgement is important, it is worth reminding parents of recent judgements from other external bodies.

## Basic skills award November 2018

As mentioned via a recent Dojo message to parents, the school was recently awarded the Primary Quality Mark Award for English and Mathematics in recognition of its improving provision, practice and performance.

The assessment of the national award, which is held for 3 years, considers 10 elements including: the school's whole school strategy for improving English and Maths; how it reviews progress made by all groups of pupils; the school's commitment to improving the skills of staff and how the school involves parents.

Senior leaders were celebrated for their rigorous self-evaluation, empowering staff to develop their practice within a "climate of high expectations." Heads of English and Maths were praised for effective monitoring, high standards and pursuit of excellence. The school's support for pupils of all abilities was complimented, particularly for those under the guidance of the SENCo. The Governing Body was praised for having "a good oversight of the school's performance", whilst the PTA were also singled out for providing the school with a significant budget to invest in IT and new books.

It was pleasing to note that Stella Owen, the assessor, also commented that her "...time spent at Glusburn Primary School was both enjoyable and uplifting!"

## Test Results: outcomes for children

Recent test results show an **increasing rising trend** in all areas, with the school **performing above national figures** in Early Years, Y1 Phonics tests, KS1 and KS2 SATs. In acknowledgement of the school's success in KS2 test results last Summer, we were proud to receive praise from Rt Hon Julian Smith MP for greatly raising the proportion of students achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 2 (Year 6). In a letter to school in January 2019, Mr Smith sent his "heartfelt congratulations" to the entire staff team for the school's success.

## In conclusion

While Ofsted judgements are important, and however harsh we feel the judgement to be we will continue to keep in the very forefront of everything we do the individual needs of every child - this is our unique strength. Parental support for the school has been overwhelmingly positive and is greatly valued; thank you. Our staff and governors are a strong and committed team who all work hard to achieve the best for each and every child in their care. We ask that you continue working with us to give our children the best possible outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Hunt  
Headteacher

Neil Bithell  
Acting Headteacher

Mark Wheeler  
Chair of the Governing Body