



Hartwell Road, Roade, Northampton. NN7 2NT
Headteacher: Mrs A Bailes. Deputy Headteacher: Mrs D. Newman

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Inspection – July 2010

As you know our school was recently inspected on the 6th and 7th July 2010 by Ofsted. The inspection was rigorous and demanding and went into every detail of teaching, learning, resources, management and care. We are delighted that they regarded the school to be **good**, with nine areas, including the curriculum, judged as **outstanding**.

Ofsted commented that **“This is a good school. Pupils are very motivated because they find the school’s curriculum interesting and many activities memorable. The Headteacher and staff have developed an outstanding curriculum.”**

There are four possible ratings a school can be given: Outstanding, Good, Satisfactory and Inadequate. Since last year, when standards were raised again, it has become much harder to get high ratings, with only 6% of Primary schools achieving an overall outstanding award.

Ofsted found that **“The school’s work, together with good teaching, and excellent care, guidance and support, are resulting in quickly rising attainment which is now above average”**

The full report is available on our website and can also be found on the Ofsted website. If parents or carers would like a hard copy, please contact the school office. As part of the inspection, the team have written a letter to the children. This sums up their view of the school and all the children should feel very proud.

The inspection team recognised that **“Behaviour is excellent. The pupils are polite and very well mannered”** and stated that **“as a result of excellent safeguarding arrangements, parents and pupils are unanimous in their view that the school keeps them as safe as possible.”**

The report highlights that **we are a rapidly improving school**, and this gives us a great sense of achievement. Having received a satisfactory inspection three years ago this report, under the new and more stringent criteria, represents a huge leap forward and highlights the exemplary leadership and management provided by Mrs Bailes which has been a critical factor in the school’s success.





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“The Headteacher provides excellent leadership of teaching and learning, and a clear vision for the school that pupils and staff share”.

All involved are all extremely pleased that Ofsted have recognised the quality of the work that goes on at Roade Primary and the Governors would like to thank all the children who are a credit to their school, the staff for their hard work and professionalism and all the parents and carers who made their views clear through the inspection questionnaire.

The Ofsted team agreed that “**expectations are high throughout the school**”. In addition, they commented on the ‘**extremely positive ethos within the school**’.

We are now seeking to build on this success and aspire to achieve and be recognised as outstanding in all areas of the school. We are committed to ensuring that Roade Primary School continues to improve and provides the highest possible standard of teaching and learning, and the best preparation for life young people can have.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great summer.

Yours sincerely

Glenn Nightingale
Chair of Governors

