

*Our vision: Creative learning, personal achievement and happiness.
Enabling everyone to flourish and to live life in all its fullness.*

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Dear Shankhill Families,

OFSTED REPORTS EVIDENCE OF OUTSTANDING PRACTICE

What a brilliant way to celebrate Shankhill's 150th Anniversary year!

We are delighted and extremely proud to be able to share the report from our ungraded Ofsted inspection on 26 March 2024.

We are thrilled that the Quality of Education, Safeguarding, Character Development and overall care and education from Early Years to Year 6 have been recognised as continuing to be good, but also deemed to be **OUTSTANDING**. However to award this grade, Ofsted plan to re-visit Shankhill to do a full graded inspection within one to two years. The report states:

"Outcome

*There has been no change to this school's overall judgement of good as a result of this ungraded (section 8) inspection. However, **the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding** if a graded (section 5) inspection were carried out now. The school's next inspection will be a graded inspection."*

This is the best possible outcome that could have been achieved!

The report reads brilliantly and reflects Shankhill's Vision, Values and Virtues, describing clearly what life in Shankhill is like for pupils aged 3-11; for staff and volunteer governors as well. Together, we are thrilled that Ofsted has observed that **'Pupils flourish at this welcoming and ambitious school.'** In numerous sections within the report, pupils are described as **'particularly impressive', 'knowledgeable'** with **'Pupils' behaviour in classrooms, around school and at playtimes is exemplary.'** Also that... **'Pupils follow a very well thought-out curriculum which helps them to achieve highly.'** and **'Pupils' enjoyment of learning is a key factor in their high attendance at school'**. We feel incredibly fortunate to work with such amazing children and such talented, experienced and dedicated staff and governors. We also want to thank all of our parents, carers and other family members for their ongoing support with their children's learning, attendance and of the school community as a whole.

The process was very thorough and of course took the views of parents, carers, staff and pupils into consideration alongside observing teaching, social times and all aspects of our day to day safeguarding and practice. The report captures much of the flavour of our verbal feedback from the inspection HMI lead at the end of the inspection day, but not all. We really were overwhelmed to hear the inspectors' descriptions of what they had experienced with us and how impressed they were with the entire team's dedication to ensuring that **'The school's ambition for all pupils to thrive helps pupils to achieve exceptionally well.'** Ofsted noted that Shankhill has **'a highly**

"This school continues to be good... maintains good quality education... pupils gain a sense of achievement from their lessons... they display excellent attitudes towards their learning... behaviour in lessons and around school is impeccable... Staff are welcoming and inclusive... strong Christian values are promoted well... (results) well above that of other schools nationally" Ofsted 2019

Staff "strive to ensure that pupils are happy, while making education fun and enjoyable." Parent View 2018



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effective curriculum. The school is meticulous in its approach to meet the needs of pupils in its mixed-age classes....Staff are experts...’.

We are rightly proud of the content on this report and how the quality of education and curriculum, alongside personal and character development, and overall learning, respect, dedication and positivity demonstrated by everyone resulted in our school, staff, governors and pupils being described with such complimentary and outstanding vocabulary.

We urge you to take time to read both pages of the report through fully. Alongside this report, the evidence gathered and the feedback directly from the inspectors explained that there are many other accolades and acknowledgements illustrating that our school is currently showing outstanding provision; this puts us on the right track for further success. It is worth noting that the report shows there are no actions under the heading ‘what does the school needs to do better’. We *will* continue to provide our outstanding provision, care and happiness so that everyone can continue to flourish in Shankhill School.

As always, we appreciate your feedback and are keen to continue to work together to enable us to be even better and enjoy this happiness. I hope you are as proud as we are at the moment of our Shankhill School, pupils and community. There is certainly a lot to celebrate and share.

Yours sincerely



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