

Laying the foundations for our children to be confident and respectful and to achieve their potential

Dear Parents and carers,

I have pleasure in attaching the Section 8 Ofsted report from our recent inspection which confirms that the school continues to be a good school.

The report has just been released and will be published on our school website as well as the Ofsted inspection website. The purpose of the section 8 inspection was to confirm whether the school remains good under the definition of overall effectiveness as set out in the school inspection handbook. As such, the inspection did not result in individual graded judgements for different aspects of school provision. Instead, the school received a report setting out the inspection findings.

We believe the report to be a fair reflection of our school. The feedback given at the end of the two day inspection was positive and praiseworthy about all aspects of school life, in particular the Behaviour and Attitudes of our children and our offer of Personal Development, which were described as exceptional. During the feedback the inspector noted that, had the school had a full graded inspection, these two areas would have been graded outstanding.

Here are just some of the positive comments made by the lead inspector in the report:

'Pupils are exceptionally compassionate. They treat others as they would like to be treated.'

'Leaders, staff and pupils work hard to realise the motto, 'small school, big heart, huge aspirations'. Aspects of the school, principally pupils' behaviour and how staff go above and beyond for pupils' wider development, prove this exceptionally well.'

'Leaders seek out exciting ways to broaden pupils' horizons.'

'Leaders work carefully with staff and parents to ensure accurate identification of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).'

'Leaders have an in-depth knowledge of the pupils and their families.'

These findings, including our areas for development, are no surprise to us and agree with our own school self-evaluations. We never 'do things for Ofsted'; we do things because they fit with our vision and values and we believe they are right for the children in our care, to enable them to flourish. Nevertheless, it is always pleasing to have our practice endorsed by external independent auditors.



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I must say a massive well done and thank you to our whole staff team. It is only through their combined efforts, dedication and hard-work, each and every day, that Sarratt School is the great school it is. Our staff team are always striving to improve - not because we are not good enough, but because we always believe we can be even better - and we will continue to do so.

Our thanks are also due to our excellent efforts on behalf of the children & staff from our team of Governors, the strong backing of the Trust and our fantastically supportive parental community and our brilliant children who shine every day.

Thank you.

Warmest regards,

Nicola O'Hare
Head of School

