
Friday 8th November 2024

Ofsted Inspection report

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share our recent Ofsted report, which reflects the journey of progress and improvement that Drybrook Primary School has made since the previous inspection and the challenges that have arisen over recent years, following the pandemic. This report captures the hard work and commitment of our whole school community. Together, we have built a school where pupils arrive with smiles on their faces, ready to learn in an inclusive and welcoming environment where they feel safe and supported.

Reading, writing, and mathematics have been our main focus areas for improvement, and I am pleased to say that our progress in these core areas has been recognised. It was always our intention to prioritise work in these essential subjects first, with a focus on implementing the Read Write Inc. programme in phonics and adopting a mastery approach to mathematics across the school. Now that these areas are firmly in place and thriving, we are, as we intended, continuing to build on this progress by expanding our efforts to strengthen the wider curriculum.

As part of the Forest of Dean Trust, Drybrook Primary has benefitted greatly from the wider vision and support of our Trust team. They recognised the need to establish a strong sense of purpose and direction for the school, and together, we have worked hard to make Drybrook a thriving place of learning. The journey is ongoing, and the Trust shares our commitment to further developing the broader curriculum in order to provide the best possible education for our children. Their belief in our school's potential has been invaluable, and I am grateful for the support they continue to provide to our community.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we are creating a school that all of our children can be proud of and where they can truly thrive.

Warm regards,
Thomas Henesey
Headteacher