

17th February 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

"Eastlea has taken effective action to maintain standards."

As you may remember, a few weeks ago we had an Ofsted inspection at Eastlea. This is something the staff had been anticipating for a long time. Since our previous full inspection in July 2019 there have been several changes in the Ofsted framework and we have had to wait longer than expected for an inspector to tell us that we have **maintained the 'good' standards** identified 5½ years ago.

Our January 2025 inspection was UNGRADED and the written report is therefore very brief. It outlines the inspector's findings in terms of quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management, safeguarding and Early Years provision. A copy is being sent to every family – see attached. The report will be published on the Ofsted website later this week.

We are all delighted with the written report and how well it sums up so perfectly what we aim to provide at Eastlea. To read that, "**pupils enjoy their learning... they achieve well and have fun at this warm and welcoming school**" is just what we wanted to hear! There were some lovely things written about the children which we shared with the pupils at an assembly this morning.

I also want to place on record my thanks to **YOU** as parents and carers for the fantastic support which you provided in this process and the incredibly positive feedback which you gave to the inspector via the Ofsted parent view survey.

Mr Sugden was blown away by the number of responses to the questionnaire and almost every single one of them also included a very positive extra written comment about Eastlea. He said that the feedback was the best he had ever seen in the last 12 months of doing inspections. **WOW!!**
THANK YOU!

As in all reports, Ofsted have indicated something we can do to improve further but we were very pleased that what he spotted is something we have already been working on!

Please take the time to read the short report in full. It really does reflect all aspects of what we aim to achieve at Eastlea, and just what a special place this is to be part of.

Yours sincerely, **Miss E Beeston**, Head Teacher

Pupils are good ambassadors for the positive ethos and culture in school. They work hard, get involved and show tolerance and care for one another.

Pupils behave well. They know the school rules ...and follow them. They are motivated not just by rewards but because they also know the right way to treat others.

The broad and ambitious curriculum prepares pupils effectively for their next steps at each stage of their education. The programme for personal development makes a significant contribution to pupils' readiness for their next steps.

The school takes every opportunity to provide rich experiences to contribute to the programme for personal development to bring learning to life. Pupils are offered a broad programme of enrichment activities and they take full advantage of these.

Pupils enjoy strong and trusted relationships with staff. Staff are well trained to support pupils to manage their emotions.

The school is ambitious for what pupils can achieve. Pupils are encouraged to aim high.