

Wednesday 28th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Ofsted Inspection at Dane Bank – January 2024

I am delighted to share with you our recent Ofsted Report following our inspection on 30th and 31st January 2024. As the school already had a Good grading, this was an ungraded inspection from which, there are four possible outcomes – these are explained in more detail at the end of this letter.

I am thrilled to share that we have been awarded **Outcome 2**, which is defined as follow:

“The school was previously judged **Good and it remains so**, and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that it might have been judged **Outstanding** if it had received a graded inspection instead of an ungraded inspection.”

This is the best possible outcome we could have received about our wonderful school and I am so happy that this confirms how myself and the Senior Leadership Team have evaluated Dane Bank.

This outcome is a real testament to the hard work, dedication, positive and enthusiasm from our staff, children and wider community. Since I started as Headteacher in September 2021, we have really been on a journey of consistent improvement and during that time we have undertaken substantial work on curriculum development; improving our SEND offer; developing our pastoral support and further consolidating the quality of teaching and learning. Our focus has always been to ensure the very best for all of our children and it is fantastic that Ofsted have recognised this work.

One particular aspect that Ofsted were incredibly impressed with, was the behaviour of our children and the ways in which our children relate to, and get along with, each other. This included during their learning time in class as well as on the playground during unstructured times. We are all so proud of our children and how they “live” our school values in all that they do.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Dane Bank who really do work tirelessly to do their very best for our children. They really are the thing that makes this school so special.

Despite having no areas for improvement identified by Ofsted, we are still very much on our improvement journey and will continue to do all we can to continue to develop and improve our offer. Thank you so much for all of your continued support.

Kind Regards
Joanne Lennon
Headteacher



Outcomes of an Ungraded Ofsted Inspection

There are four possible outcomes for an ungraded inspection of a Good school:

Outcome 1	The school continues to be a Good school. this is the most common outcome.
Outcome 2	The school was previously judged to be Good and it remains so – and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that it might have been judged as outstanding if it had received a #graded inspection instead of an ungraded. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a graded inspection, which will typically take place within 1 to 2 years of the publication of the ungraded inspection report.
Outcome 3	The lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would have received at least its current grade if it had received a graded inspection instead of an ungraded inspection. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a graded inspection, which will take place within the statutory timeframe, typically within 1 to 2 years of the publication of the report.
Outcome 4	The lead inspector has gathered evidence that suggests that the good school may now be inadequate in one or more of the graded judgements under a graded inspection, and there are serious concerns about the quality of education, pupils' behaviour or safeguarding. The ungraded inspection will usually be deemed to be a graded inspection, usually within 48 hours.