

5th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Outcome 2023

As you know, two inspectors from Ofsted visited school on 20th April 2023 to carry out a one day inspection. It can only be described as an intense experience, where they spent the whole day talking to the leadership team, parents, Governors, staff, Local Authority representatives as well as the children, and observing so much of our provision. The notification of an inspection is via a phone call only the day before, there is no opportunity to present anything other than 'real life' during this process!

I was, and continue to be, immensely proud of the wonderful team here at Kingswood, who are committed individuals, understand the needs of young children and work together to provide memorable and unique learning experiences. We are more than 'just' a one word judgement, and the essence of Kingswood cannot simply be reduced to a two page report; our school is so much more.

During the verbal feedback, the two inspectors cited many glorious moments of learning that occurred, recognised the work that has gone into creating our bespoke curriculum, and appropriate assessment of this. We were able to celebrate the interactions of the staff, and our play based, active learning and teaching.

Kingswood Nursery School continues to be an Outstanding School.

Ofsted say:

‘Children love coming to Kingswood Nursery School. Every day is exciting and fun.’

‘The nursery gets children’s education off to an exceptionally good start.’

‘Children with SEND make really strong progress during their time in nursery.’

‘Children leave Kingswood Nursery well prepared and ready for the next stage in their learning.’

The Ofsted report details how this outcome was reached, but it has to be presented very concisely and simply, so doesn’t necessarily reflect all the positive comments that were fed back to the leadership team and Governors on the day.

The support you provided was much appreciated. I hope you are heartened when reading the attached report that Ofsted also recognise the uniqueness of Kingswood and the incredible experiences that your children benefit from on a daily basis, which prepares them for life long learning, provided by our nurturing and talented team.

Warm wishes,

C. Macdonald

Mrs Macdonald

Headteacher