

Blossom Federation

Daubeneay, Sebright and Lauriston



Thursday 14th September 2023

Ofsted Report Lauriston School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to be able to share with you the official Ofsted Report following the school's inspection on 11th & 12th July 2023. The school was last inspected in June 2017 when the school remained good. Since the previous Ofsted Inspection, the framework, which the inspecting team use to make a judgment on the school, has changed dramatically.

Our inspection was a fully graded inspection which means that Ofsted make a judgment in all of the following areas:

- **Overall Effectiveness**
- **The Quality of Education**
- **Behaviour and Attitudes**
- **Personal Development**
- **Leadership and Management**
- **Early Years Provision**

In our preparation 90-minute phone call, we agreed the key lines of enquiry and the **Deep Dives** into different subjects.

Lauriston had **Deep Dives** in the following areas:

- Early Reading (including Phonics)
- Mathematics
- Music
- Art
- Safeguarding

There were also other lines of enquiry which are less forensic – a colleague one referred to these as a **Shallow Paddle**. For our inspection these further lines of enquiry were in:

- Early Years Provision
- Humanities (History & Geography)

- Science

The inspecting team then spends two full days triangulating what school leaders shared in the 90-minute phone call, against what they actually observed around the school. The inspectors visited a number of lessons, spoke with pupils and staff throughout both days and reviewed both parents and staff surveys.

As you will read from the report, the school was graded a very strong **“Good”** in all areas. We were very pleased and proud of the feedback the Ofsted Team gave us on the day and for some of the positive comments contained within the report:

‘Pupils enjoy learning at this school. It is welcoming, supportive and safe.’

‘All staff are ambitious for the children.’

‘Leaders help pupils to build resilience. They encourage pupils’ creativity.’

‘Pupils speak with confidence and are proud of their achievements and responsibilities.’

‘Teachers deliver the curriculum with confidence...’

‘Leaders have taken swift action to improve pupils’ confidence and fluency in Reading...as a result of leaders’ actions, pupils are successfully learning to read quickly and fluently.’

‘Staff have high expectations and are ambitious for all pupils.’

‘Pupils with SEND are included in all aspects of school life and provided the same wider opportunities.’

‘Staff are positive about how leaders support and manage their workload and well-being. They are proud to work at the school.’

‘The governing body knows the school well.’

‘The culture of safeguarding is well embedded.’

‘Leaders and staff have strong working relationships with the school community.’

All Ofsted reports will give the school an area where it can improve further. Our development point is that ***‘sometimes pupils understanding and recall are not checked routinely or robustly.’*** And ***‘some teaching does not build on what pupils know and can do or identify where there may be gaps or misconceptions.’***

We accept this action point, as it is part of our ongoing School Improvement work into strengthening the curriculum and making sure all subjects are taught as strongly and consistently as our English, Maths and Science curriculums. It is a work in progress and we are very proud of how the curriculum has developed and the excellent learning which is consistently demonstrated.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis Harris', with several horizontal strokes underneath.

Louis Harris
Head of Lauriston School

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Warren', written in a cursive style.

Robin Warren
Executive Head Teacher