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Officially  
rated 'Good'  
in all areas  
by Ofsted



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Dear parents and carers,

**We're delighted to inform you that Portsdown Primary School and Nursery has retained its 'good' judgement by Ofsted in our latest inspection.**

We were rated **good** across **all** inspection categories by the lead Senior Ofsted Inspector and her team.

You can access the report in full on our website: <https://portsdownprimary.co.uk/486-2/>

Overall effectiveness	<b>Good</b>
The quality of education	<b>Good</b>
Behaviour and attitudes	<b>Good</b>
Personal development	<b>Good</b>
Leadership and management	<b>Good</b>
Early years provision	<b>Good</b>
Previous inspection grade	<b>Good</b>

There's been a lot of hard work behind the scenes to maintain this 'good' judgement, and we're thrilled that the hard work of all of our staff and children has been recognised. I am particularly pleased that the inspection team understood our context and were very impressed with all of the hidden work that our staff do on a daily basis to look after your children.

I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating everyone who works and volunteers at our school. I also wanted to thank all of our wonderful supportive parents and ex-staff members who have helped us on our journey. We certainly couldn't have done it without you.

I wanted to draw your attention to the following feedback we received:

- Pupils are proud of their school. They are polite, welcoming and engage well during lessons.
- Children make a strong start in early years. From nursery, children are well supported to gain confidence and independence.
- The school provides pupils with opportunities that help bring learning to life.
- The school has taken decisive action to improve the educational outcomes of its pupils.
- Across the wider subjects, the school has planned a broad and well-sequenced curriculum which rightly places high importance on developing pupils' vocabulary.
- Teachers plan well-structured lessons which enable pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) to achieve well.
- Children in the early years, including those with SEND, develop their social skills thanks to strong and productive relationships with adults.
- Pupils with behavioural challenges and SEND are supported effectively by adults to understand their feelings and manage their own behaviour.
- Pupils are respectful of difference, including race and faith. They describe the school as a place of 'equality and fairness.' The school helps prepare pupils for life in modern Britain.

I also wanted to personally thank everyone who completed Ofsted's Parent View survey. This is such valuable feedback, and we will read every comment to continue to make the school the best that it can be for your children.

We still want to improve further and this Ofsted report has reinforced the improvement journey we were already on. We still have work to do to improve pupils' writing and to ensure that the quality of work in all foundation subjects is as good as each other.

Right now:

- Our senior leadership team are reviewing all the feedback we received over the course of the inspection in depth, and we'll look to update our school improvement plan
- We'll update staff/governors in an upcoming staff/governing board meeting on how we'll apply any feedback as part of our ongoing plan of action to improve the school
- Our next inspection will be in approximately 4 years' time

Thank you once again for all the support you continue to give the school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our senior leaders.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr Ash Vaghela, Headteacher