



POSITIVE: Staff and pupils are celebrating after Salway Ash School was praised at Ofsted

School celebrates 'good' inspection

A WEST Dorset primary school is celebrating after a positive inspection from education officers.

Ofsted rated Salway Ash CE VA Primary School as 'Good' following a recent one-day short inspection to the school.

During the inspection, inspector Steve Smith spoke with school leaders, governing body representatives, pupils and the school evaluation partner.

He also visited lessons, scrutinised pupils' workbooks and school documentation and conducted feedback surveys.

In Mr Smith's report, headteacher Lisa Crew, was praised for demonstrating "confident and sure-footed leadership, informed by experience, professionalism and a proven track record".

Addressing Ms Crew in the report, Mr Smith said: "During your tenure as headteacher, pupils' achievement has been consistently high.

"This is because you never rest on your

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laurels; you are always looking to improve aspects of the school's work."

The report said there was a "collective buoyancy which energises staff to do their best for the pupils" because staff were encouraged to take responsibility for their work, develop their expertise and exercise their professionalism.

It added that staff morale was high and all staff who responded to the staff survey, issued during inspection, said they feel proud to be a staff member at the school.

Mr Smith found Salway Ash to be a "happy school" where leaders, governors and the wider staff fostered a school culture in which "all pupils are known and valued for who they are".

"The report said pupils enjoy learning because they benefit from positive relationships with teachers. They know they are in a safe space to contribute to discussion and ask questions without fear of getting answers wrong," Mr Smith said.

Ms Crew said: "All those who work at Salway Ash School are very pleased that the Ofsted inspector recognised the fact that it is a very successful and happy place to be. During feedback it was made very clear that the school is judged to be at the very top end of the 'Good' category and this is evident in the extremely positive points made in the report.

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