

SENT BY EMAIL

20 June 2025

Rob Calderwood Headteacher
Emma Bloomfield Executive Headteacher
Vic Goddard CEO
Neil Lawson Chair of Trust
The Downs Primary School and Nursery

Dear Colleagues

We are writing to congratulate you on the report of the recent Ofsted inspection which confirmed that the school has been judged good in all areas.

The report is clear that the school has much strength which includes:

- pupils who are polite and respectful, behave well in lessons and during social times
- staff who know pupils well and who build positive relationships that help pupils to feel safe and happy
- the consistent high-quality phonics teaching that means pupils learn quickly to read
- the clear vision of the school and the unwavering drive for all pupils to have the support they need
- children in the nursery who get off to a good start because staff ensure that the classroom and outdoor areas are calm, engaging and interesting
- the robust systems in place to check pupils' attendance and support families where attendance is a concern
- the wider opportunities offered to pupils that support the enrichment of the curriculum
- governors who fulfil their statutory duties with fidelity and who work collaboratively with the school, regularly reflecting and evaluating their work

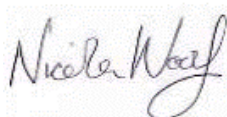
We know that such a report is the outcome of huge amount of dedication and hard work by you and all your staff, as well as careful oversight by trustees and governors who give freely of their time and energy.

All the very best to you and your school community as you reflect on the many positive comments in the report.

Yours sincerely



Clare Kershaw
Director of Education
clare.kershaw@essex.gov.uk



Nicola Woolf
Assistant Director of Education
nicola.woolf@essex.gov.uk



Emma Jordan
Head of Education and Early Years
emma.jordan@essex.gov.uk