

News release



SKEGNESS INFANT ACADEMY

Ofsted verdict: Behaviour and safety at the Skegness Infant Academy is 'outstanding'

Following an inspection on 7 and 8 October, Ofsted has judged the overall effectiveness of the Skegness Infant Academy, sponsored by the Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust (GDFT), to be "good" with behaviour and safety judged as outstanding.

Inspectors scrutinised records and documentation, observed lessons and met with pupils, staff and parents to get their views.

The inspection is an independent assessment of the effectiveness of the Academy which includes:

- the achievement of pupils;
- the quality of teaching;
- the behaviour and safety of pupils; and
- the quality of leadership and management.

The Academy was judged to be 'outstanding' for behaviour and safety and 'good' across the other three areas.

Inspectors found that "behaviour is exemplary" and that "the excellent behaviour in and around the school make a significant contribution to the calm and well-ordered atmosphere in which teachers can teach and pupils can learn without disruption".

The inspectors also highlighted that "the Academy's work to keep pupils safe and secure is outstanding" and that "pupils, without exception, say they feel safe in school, as do their parents".

It is clear from the report that pupils thoroughly enjoy going to the Academy. The inspectors noted that pupils "enjoy the activities provided" and "particularly enjoy special days such as the 1960's day or the circus skills day, when learning is vividly brought to life". This is backed up by the fact that "attendance rates have improved markedly". In the year that the Academy opened, attendance was in the bottom 20 per cent of schools nationally but it is now in line with national figures.

The report praises "strong leadership from the Principal" as well as the support of the GDFT. Inspectors found that "standards have risen since the Academy opened" and that "staff value the support they receive from leaders, as well as the Trust".

Sue Roy, Principal, said: "I want to thank the pupils and staff who have worked tremendously hard and the families who have supported us to make the Skegness Infant Academy the 'good' Academy it is today. I am delighted that the report found that we "provide a safe and stimulating environment in which children can thrive and where learning flourishes". I feel confident that we will be found to be 'outstanding' the next time that Ofsted visit us".

Sir Barry Day, OBE, Chief Executive of the GDFT, said: "My congratulations go to Mrs Roy and her staff. They are a very dedicated and enthusiastic team thoroughly deserve this excellent report. I am pleased Ofsted recognised just how good the school is and how outstandingly well the pupils behave. Being given an outstanding judgement for safety will, I am sure, be very well received by parents.