Village primary school rated good again

Farway Primary School has received its fourth successive rating of good after a one-day visit by two education inspectors in January.

The Church of England primary was first rated as good in 2009 and this was re-confirmed in subsequent inspections in 2012 and 2017.

Now Ofsted lead inspector Susan Aykin has concluded: "There has been no change to this school’s overall judgement of good as a result of this inspection."

She says parents were unanimous in telling inspectors that their children are happy, safe and well cared for and they value the education at Farway.

And she adds: "Pupils are proud of their school. They feel safe and nurtured. They are enthusiastic about learning and are rightly proud of their work.

"Staff are passionate about the pupils they teach and strive to do their best.

"Pupils behave well, both in the classroom and around the school (and) enjoy after-school art and sports clubs.

"Pupils with special educational needs receive effective, personalised support to learn the curriculum. Parents of children with SEND are particularly positive about the support their children receive."

She says reading is a priority across the curriculum and pupils develop mathematical knowledge securely.

But, she says, school leaders must continue to develop pupils’ vocabulary so that they are better able to read more complex texts and communicate their ideas.

And leaders and governors must do more to safeguard the physical and emotional well-being of staff and manage their workload.

Farway is part of **The Jubilee with Pebblebed Federation of Schools whose** Executive Headteacher is Katie Gray.

She said: “When Ofsted inspections resumed after the pandemic, many good and outstanding schools were finding they were being downgraded.

“I am pleased we have retained our rating as a good school and we will take on board the recommendations of how we can improve further.

“I am delighted there were so many favourable comments from parents and the governors and I already had a clear plan in place to look after our teachers and staff who continue to deliver the education that our children and families value.”

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