

# KING DAVID SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and carers,

This week we have received the report following the Ofsted inspection of the school in June 2024.

We are proud of the inspectors' recognition that King David School "...is a warm and welcoming school where pupils of different faiths work harmoniously together. Adults and pupils show a deep level of respect and care for one another, strongly promoting the school's values." "Pupils learn to value differences and feel it is important to treat people equally."

Inspectors report that the children "...enjoy coming to school. They are happy and feel safe because they know adults care for them and sort out any worries they may have."

The inspection recognises the significant work that has been undertaken since the last Ofsted visit and how the issues from that inspection have been successfully addressed. It notes that recent KS2 combined results are below national averages, although parents should be aware that this refers to 2023. The results just released for 2024 show that our children exceeded national results in the tests for Maths and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and was very close to the national average in the Reading test. This cohort also exceeded the national average pass rate for Writing, which is assessed by the teachers.

However the inspectors have raised concerns that the overview and monitoring of school leaders, including governors, is not sufficient to ensure that all weaknesses, especially how well the curriculum is taught, are addressed. The Ofsted report has set targets for the school, to ensure that the self-evaluation process is effective, that the new curriculum is consistently delivered by all teachers, adapting lessons according to feedback from the children's demonstrated knowledge and understanding. Ofsted has also asked the school to improve how it directs older children to read books that are suitable for their level, and to better develop how the tracking of disadvantaged children are monitored and evaluated.

The report gives the following grades for the school:

The Quality of Education	Requires Improvement
Behaviour and Attitudes	Good
Personal Development	Good
Leadership and Management	Requires Improvement
Early Years Provision	Good

As the Quality of Education section is graded as Requires improvement, then the Overall Effectiveness grade for the school is Requires Improvement.

The full report is now available on the school's website at [kingdavid.org.uk](http://kingdavid.org.uk), in a Blog dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and under the Info - Policies section.

I am confident that the school has an outstanding leadership team in place for September, with Mrs Owen as Headteacher and Mrs Smyth and Mrs Hind as Deputy Headteachers. They have already begun addressing the issues raised by the report. I am certain that the school will quickly improve those areas and regain the Good or better grade at the next inspection.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Langford', written in a cursive style.

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