

Nursted Community Primary School

Summary of OFSTED Report Meeting Tuesday 27th June 7pm

Attending:

Staff:

Kay Vousden (KV), Amanda Dunstone, Amy Cope, Louise McKenzie, Zoe Talbot, Gill Mowat, Lucy Pottinger, Helen Smith, Sarah Bogert, Nicola Preen, Gemma Doxford, Jasmine Kennedy, Maureen Kitching

Governors

Andrew Geddes (AG): Chair of Governors, Jim Smith (JS): Vice Chair of Governors, Sam Drury: Parent Governor, Mike Harper: Parent Governor

Local Authority Representative: Andrew Best (AB), Head of School Effectiveness

Parents: As well as two staff member parents and two parent governors, there were ten parents present.

1. Welcome and greetings from KV

2. Introductions from Andrew Geddes

AG explained that the reasons for the delay in releasing the report was due to a complaint being made to OFSTED. Concerns were raised about the way the inspection was carried out and evidence used. We made a formal complaint which was ultimately unsuccessful.

AG said that Requires Improvement does NOT mean the quality of education is unsatisfactory. The children are receiving a satisfactory education. However, we accept the need to take on board any feedback given and will now be working on the next steps outlined in the report.

3. Local Authority Representative: Andrew Best, Head of School Effectiveness

AB said that the LA support the school, parents, carers and staff. The LA have experienced advisors coming into the school on a regular basis and so have a good understanding of the school. With this knowledge in mind, the LA had supported the school in their complaint to OFSTED as they too had noted aspects of the inspection process and outcome that they disagreed with. AB said that going forward, the LA will continue to support the school as needed, to make the necessary improvements, however they have faith that the school knows what needs to be done and has the capacity to achieve this quickly.

4. Jim Smith - Vice Chair of Governors

JS explained that he is an experienced Head Teacher, trained OFSTED inspector and has spent many years working in School Improvement, both with the LA and privately. He stated that he feels the outcome of the OFSTED was wrong and put forward the following reasons.

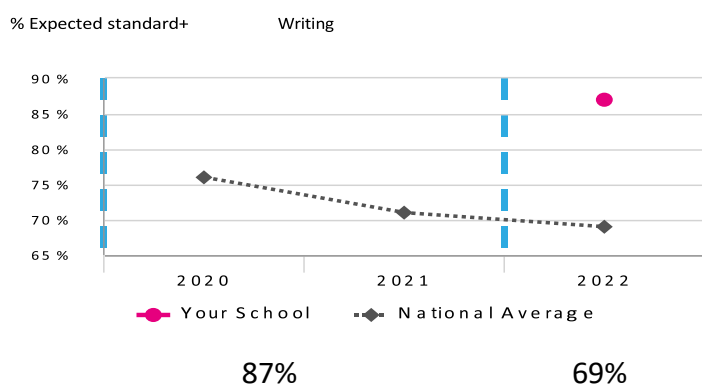
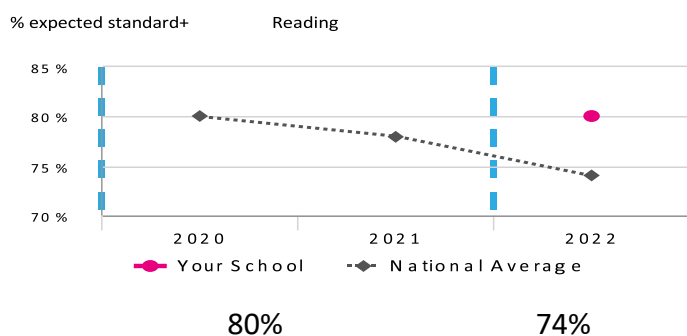
- The DfE website states:

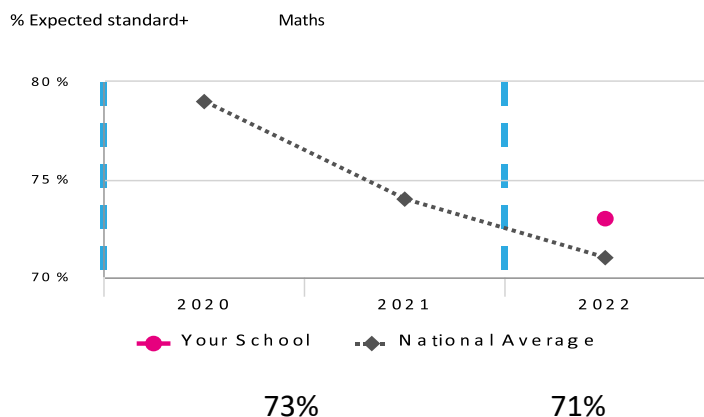
"The Department for Education considers meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths to be key for success in secondary school and beyond." Dec 2022.

Nursted's standards in 2022 were above the National average in all areas (the following information was shared).

2022 KS2 % at the Expected Standard or higher	National Average	Nursted
Reading	74	80
Writing	69	87
Maths	71	73
Reading/Writing/Maths	59	70

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Despite the belief that the outcome was wrong, we will now work with the staff to improve on the areas identified. There is a 30 month window between now and when OFSTED may come back. We won't just be good at that point we'll be exceptional.

5. Kay Vousden - Headteacher

KV explained that it is her role, with the staff, to unpick the report, make a plan and move forward. There are some accurate comments/parts and some areas that we were surprised by. However, we are committed to working on all areas identified as not yet being good or better.

KV went through the three areas identified as 'What the School Needs to do to Improve' and set out what had already been put in place and what more is planned. She referred to the updated School Improvement Plan and the English Action Plan. These are working documents so will be reviewed termly, but they show the key actions we plan to carry out to make the necessary improvements. These plans will be shared in the next newsletter so that parents can send in their comments and suggestions.

KV finished by highlighting positive points raised by the OFSTED Report and made the following points:

- ▶ Well done to the EYFS team for being recognised as good!
- ▶ Well done to Miss Kennedy for her work supporting children with SEND.
- ▶ Safeguarding is effective.
- ▶ For subjects such as Geography the knowledge is well sequenced. This is now the case for ALL none core subjects and this will be embedded over 2023/24.
- ▶ Thank you to the Governors for their continued support and challenge.

6. Questions:

- GP parent said: “What a brilliant school it is and how much support had been given. G is doing amazingly and hats off to all of you, as I think you are incredible. I would never send my children somewhere else.”
- Parent of LH and BS agreed with GP’s parent.
- AA parent asked: “You said 30 months is that when to expect them?” A: “Roughly.”
- Will you get extra funding? AB replied: “We will continue to support and offer things that will support rather than just funding.” KV: “For example we recently asked for support from LW math’s advisor and this is helping us to shape improvements in Maths for the next academic year.”
- Did OFSTED give a reason why they didn’t change their mind? A: AB explained that when a complaint is made to OFSTED they simply review all the information they have gathered. They don’t look to see if the evidence is flawed or not representative. There is no dialogue with the school. OFSTED are currently reviewing their practices, including the Complaint Procedure, as there has been much in the news recently about how it is not fit for purpose. AG added: “As governors, we are immensely proud to represent this school. We are trying to do things even better than before and continue to have full faith in the staff to deliver improvements.”