

Inspection of Hunslet Carr Primary School

Woodhouse Hill Road, Hunslet, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS10 2DN

Inspection dates: 23 and 24 November 2021

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Requires improvement

What is it like to attend this school?

This school lives out its motto that 'Impossible is Nothing'. Pupils are nurtured from the moment they step into this school community. Leaders are passionate about raising aspirations for the pupils in their care. Parents spoke highly of the support they receive. They told inspectors that they would recommend this school to others. The headteacher has a strong and clear vision of what pupils at Hunslet Carr need in order to be well prepared for life beyond the school gates. He has developed a strong team of staff who deliver this offer with credibility and compassion through their thoughtfully designed curriculum.

Pupils learn about healthy relationships, consent and personal space as part of their personal, social, health and economic education curriculum. There is a strong emphasis on well-being throughout the curriculum and through the nurture sessions available to pupils. This helps pupils know how to respond if bullying or inappropriate behaviour happens in school or the wider community. Leaders see this knowledge as important for their pupils to develop further as citizens. Staff have high expectations of pupils' behaviour. Consequently, pupils behave well in lessons and during social times.

Pupils know that staff are there to help them manage any worries they may have. They feel well supported by trusted adults in school, but sometimes feel worried by tensions in their community outside of school. In meetings with inspectors, pupils explained the ways in which school helps them with this. They shared how they are taught to stay safe, both in and out of school. Pupils are quick to offer support to one another if they are worried.

What does the school do well and what does it need to do better?

Leaders have designed a well-sequenced curriculum which is connected across the school from the early years to Year 6. Leaders are ambitious about the range of knowledge and skills they want pupils to develop during their time at this school. In English and mathematics, this is well implemented with consistency across almost all classes.

Reading is a priority for pupils in this school. The leaders of phonics and early reading have delivered comprehensive training in the school's phonics programme. Teaching includes a daily phonics session for all pupils, with further opportunities to support those pupils who are struggling to catch up and keep up. This is delivered with fidelity in whole-class sessions, but not in interventions. While leaders' actions are making a positive difference for the majority of pupils, there are some pupils who remain behind the expected pace of the phonics programme.

The wider curriculum is well planned and implemented in most subjects, with progression evident from children's starting points in early years to the ambitious end points needed in order to prepare pupils for Year 7 and beyond. Staff have a

clear understanding of how pupils learn. Lesson visits showed how some teachers use learning recaps to check what pupils already know. This does not happen in all classes, so some pupils do not have a solid understanding of some key concepts before new learning takes place.

In some subjects, such as English, physical education (PE) and mathematics, pupils are able to talk about what they have learned in previous years, and can remember this well. In other subjects, this prior learning is less secure. Leaders acknowledge that this is a priority and work is underway to develop assessment in all subjects so that all pupils can talk about what they know and remember. Subject leaders are working with the leader of the wider curriculum to develop a school-wide approach to assessment. This is so that all pupils are able to build their new learning on secure long-term knowledge.

The inclusion team, including the special educational needs and/or disabilities coordinator (SENDCo), the nurture leader and the designated safeguarding leader, ensures that leaders and staff have a detailed understanding of each pupil's needs. As a result, pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities are very well supported. There are a range of adaptations in place to ensure that all pupils are able to access learning alongside their peers.

Parents and carers were consulted widely on the relationships and sex education curriculum. Leaders listened to any concerns and engaged openly in discussion. Support was provided to help families feel more comfortable with how they may wish to discuss relationships and sex education with their children. This open and transparent approach ensures that pupils know they can speak openly with staff in school and with their family at home.

Governors work well with leaders. They are an active part of the school team and have a clear understanding of the school's strengths and priorities. Staff are proud to be part of Hunslet Carr. They feel valued and cared for. Staff appreciate that leaders are considerate of their workload and well-being.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Leaders have established a strong culture of safeguarding in this school. All staff understand the distinctiveness of their local context and are alert to concerns. They report worries quickly. These are followed up promptly by leaders, who communicate well with families and external agencies.

Procedures are comprehensive and detailed. They inform every aspect of the safeguarding team's work. This in turn informs training and curriculum design across the school. Leaders are tenacious in following any concerns raised through to resolution. They are strong advocates for the needs of their pupils, and are unafraid to offer professional challenge when necessary. The staff at this school know their

community well, and work with a wide variety of organisations and agencies to support families and their children.

What does the school need to do to improve?

(Information for the school and appropriate authority)

- While the new phonics approach is delivered well in whole-class phonics sessions, some inconsistencies remain. Some early reading intervention sessions are not delivered with the same fidelity to the school's chosen approach. This is hindering some pupils from catching up quickly and learning to read. Leaders should ensure that all staff receive the training they need to deliver leaders' chosen phonics programme with consistency.
- Subject leaders have worked to design and introduce a well-structured curriculum in the foundation subjects. However, they have not yet secured consistent assessment processes. This means that sometimes teachers do not accurately know whether pupils have achieved the intended end points for each unit of learning. Leaders should continue to develop and embed assessment processes so that prior learning is effectively built on, and new learning is delivered consistently well across all classes.

How can I feed back my views?

You can use [Ofsted Parent View](#) to give Ofsted your opinion on your child's school, or to find out what other parents and carers think. We use information from Ofsted Parent View when deciding which schools to inspect, when to inspect them and as part of their inspection.

The Department for Education has further [guidance](#) on how to complain about a school.

If you are the school and you are not happy with the inspection or the report, you can [complain to Ofsted](#).

Further information

You can search for [published performance information](#) about the school.

In the report, '[disadvantaged pupils](#)' refers to those pupils who attract government pupil premium funding: pupils claiming free school meals at any point in the last six years and pupils in care or who left care through adoption or another formal route.

School details

Unique reference number	107950
Local authority	Leeds
Inspection number	10200686
Type of school	Primary
School category	Community
Age range of pupils	3 to 11
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	415
Appropriate authority	The governing body
Chair of governing body	Jon Hairsine
Headteacher	Martin Lumb
Website	www.hunsletcarr.co.uk
Date of previous inspection	7 and 8 March 2018, under section 5 of the Education Act 2005

Information about this school

- The school uses an alternative provision setting for pupils: Reach Primary Learning Centre.
- The school runs a breakfast club.

Information about this inspection

The inspectors carried out this inspection under section 5 of the Education Act 2005.

- This was the first routine inspection the school received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Inspectors discussed the impact of the pandemic with school leaders and have taken this into account in their evaluation.
- Inspectors held meetings with the headteacher and the senior leadership team. Inspectors also held meetings with subject leaders, the SENDCo, the chair of the local governing body, representatives of the governing body and a representative from the local authority.

- Inspectors visited lessons, looked at pupils' work and listened to pupils reading to familiar adults in school. They also observed pupils' behaviour in lessons, around school and during lunchtime.
- Inspectors carried out deep dives in reading, mathematics, science and PE. Inspectors reviewed curriculum plans for a range of other subjects.
- Inspectors examined safeguarding records, including the single central record and recruitment checks on staff.
- Inspectors considered the views of parents by reviewing the single response to Ofsted's online survey, Parent View. They also spoke with parents as they brought their children to school, and reviewed the school's own recently completed parent survey.
- Alongside the responses to the online surveys for staff, inspectors also considered views by meeting with various groups of staff.
- Inspectors also considered the views of pupils, speaking with different groups of pupils from all age groups.

Inspection team

Zoe Lightfoot, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

David Hodgkiss

Ofsted Inspector

Richard Crane

Ofsted Inspector

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) regulates and inspects to achieve excellence in the care of children and young people, and in education and skills for learners of all ages. It regulates and inspects childcare and children's social care, and inspects the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass), schools, colleges, initial teacher training, further education and skills, adult and community learning, and education and training in prisons and other secure establishments. It assesses council children's services, and inspects services for children looked after, safeguarding and child protection.

If you would like a copy of this document in a different format, such as large print or Braille, please telephone 0300 123 1231, or email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk.

You may reuse this information (not including logos) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the Open Government Licence. To view this licence, visit www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/, write to the Information Policy Team, The National Archives, Kew, London TW9 4DU, or email: psi@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk.

This publication is available at <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

Interested in our work? You can subscribe to our monthly newsletter for more information and updates: <http://eepurl.com/iTrDn>.

Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
Manchester
M1 2WD

T: 0300 123 1231
Textphone: 0161 618 8524
E: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
W: www.gov.uk/ofsted

© Crown copyright 2021