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## School Council 2019/20



# School is closing in on Ofsted's elite after encouraging report

### EDUCATION

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A SCHOOL is confident it is heading towards joining the education elite after its latest Ofsted report.

Carleton Park Junior and Infants School in Pontefract was awarded a 'good' mark following the visit by the watchdog inspectors and is now on course to reach 'outstanding'.

Out of the five keys areas, the leadership of the school and pupils' development and behaviour were given the top mark, while the quality of teaching, pupils' outcomes and early years provision were deemed 'good', meaning the school narrowly missed out on being an overall 'outstanding' risk. Only four schools in the district have received the top mark the last year, but Carleton's

dent his school can now move up to the next level.

He said: "After all this progress we're confident that we're on the road to receiving 'outstanding' in our next inspection."

"We are delighted with the Ofsted report and it shows just how much ground we have covered in the last twelve months."

**'We're confident that we're on the road to receiving outstanding'**

"The report shows just how well pupils, staff, the trust, parents and our governors work together."

"I am pleased that Ofsted have highlighted some of the legacy issues that we have faced. My staff have worked very hard and with real determination."

There was no shortage of praise from the inspectors, who



**RAPID PROGRESS:** Headteacher Joe Ayre hopes the school can now reach 'outstanding'.

visited the Maxon Close school in July but only recently published their findings.

The report reads: "Pontefract Carleton Park Junior and Infant School has improved rapidly."

It continues to do so, under the highly effective leadership of the chief executive officer, trust leaders, the head of school and other leaders at the school.

"Together, they have galvanised the school."

"Over the past 12 months, the head of school, supported ably by other leaders and staff, have worked together exceptionally well to improve the quality of the pupils' experience."

"Pupils are highly engaged in their learning. Pupils' personal development and welfare

are excellent. Despite historic variability in pupils' outcomes, current pupils in the school are achieving well.

"Attainment and progress of pupils is rising across the school because of good teaching."

The school, which is part of the Pontefract Academies Trust, was given a 'good' rating during its previous inspection in 2015, but failed to pick up any outstanding key areas.

Following the latest visit, the Ofsted inspectors outlined areas which need attention if the school is to make the coveted step up.

They said the school needs to strengthen the quality of the teaching so pupils' outcomes continue to improve, especially those with special educational needs.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Has your child benefitted from the improvements at the school?

Contact us via EMAIL/ONLINE/TWITTER

### TOP OF THE CLASS

**Huge progress for the trust**

**PONTEFRAC ACADEMIES Trust CEO, Julian Appleyard** was delighted with the findings, saying: "The judgment validates the work of the last 12 months."

"We have collectively focused upon our responsibility in addressing the drift in primary outcomes in the schools the trust that have been downward spiral since 2015."

The primary schools within the trust obtained their best outcomes over past year.

The trust performed now 12 per cent above national average, when was 12 per cent below year.

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## SPORTOBER

A mixed group of our pupils enjoyed taking part in Sportober at Pontefract Squash Club this week. The event consisted of taster sessions, inspirational talks from a sporting legend, as well as certificates at the end the day.

## Attendance this week is 98.1%

Attendance at School is vital to the progress each child makes. Each lesson is important and that is why we celebrate our fantastic attendance! Our aim is that every child has over **98% attendance**.

	Star of the Week	Learners of the Week	Attendance %
Reception	<i>Reception class have daily 'Stars' who they celebrate in class</i>	Willow	99.3%
Year 1	Poppi	Poppy Oscar Oskar	99.2%
Year 2	Nelli	Scarlett Ewan	98.6%
Year 3	Kacey	Zeph Eve Rose	96.6%
Year 4	Phoebe	Harvey Liam	96.2%
Year 5	Ruby	Ethan Matilda	98.6%
Year 6	Amie	Sam Harry	99.4%

Please note our attendance target has moved from 97% to 98%, we believe we can achieve this together!

# House Points

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This week's winner is...

