



## COLNEY HEATH SCHOOL & NURSERY

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### Colney Heath Junior Mixed Infant and Nursery School continues to be a good school

#### What did the inspection look at?

An inspector spent two days in school observing lessons, talking to children, staff, governors and parents.

The inspector only looked at specific curriculum subjects as part of the process.

These were early reading (children up to the age of 8), Mathematics and Science.

The school was judged as good and will be revisited within the next 18 months to check on standards.

#### What the school does well

Pupils enjoy school.

Pupils understand and demonstrate the school values to care, work, respect and listen.

The 'Colney Heath Child' is at the heart of the school's curriculum aims.

Pupils say that they feel safe in school

Safeguarding is effective and checks are rigorous

Routines are clear and help children with their confidence and independence.

New governors are providing stronger accountability for leaders.

The inspector commented on the high number of parent responses with 94 text responses. He spoke with parents and investigated comments raised.

96% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at Colney Heath

Staff reported that the school supported their well being.

Children felt that the staff respected them.

#### What the school needs to improve and what we are doing in order to ensure standards do not decline.

##### Teaching of reading and phonics across the school.

School leaders, including governors have produced an action plan to address any declines in standards.

We are continuing to monitor home reading books and will ensure these are checked more carefully.

We are reviewing how we teach phonics and reading. All staff will be receiving training to update their skills and ensure a more consistent approach.

The approach for reading and phonics will be shared with parents so that they can support their children at home.

Leaders including governors will continue to monitor reading to ensure a positive impact and will seek advice from Literacy consultants.

New books have already been purchased and more are on the way, thanks to PTA fundraising.

##### Development of our foundation subjects (History, Geography, Art etc)

As part of our School Development Plan, which started in September, we are creating curriculum knowledge organisers for all the foundation subjects. You will find some examples of History on our website.

'Stickability of knowledge' will be a focus within all subjects.

**Colney Heath School has a strong sense of community.  
One child told the inspector, 'It feels like your family.'**

