



24th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Outcome of Ofsted Inspection July 2026

I am pleased to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 14th July 2026.

Kates Hill Primary School was judged to be meeting the Expected standard in achievement, attendance and behaviour, inclusion, leadership and governance, and personal development and wellbeing. Safeguarding standards were also met. Inspectors described Kates Hill as a “welcoming and inclusive school” where “the school’s values shape daily life” and pupils “feel safe because adults care, listen and respond when needed”.

Under Ofsted’s new inspection framework, schools are judged in key areas rather than receiving one overall grade. We are pleased that the report recognises many strengths across school life, including effective safeguarding, inclusive support, improving attendance and the strong care staff show for pupils and families.

Inspectors noted that behaviour is “typically calm and respectful across the school” and that pupils “know who to speak to if they are worried”.

We were especially proud that the report highlights our inclusive approach. Ofsted recognised that pupils who face barriers to learning “access the curriculum alongside their peers and participate fully in school life”, supported by staff who “know pupils and their families well”.

Ofsted also recognised our determined work to improve attendance, noting that “leaders take a relentless approach” and that pupils’ attendance “has improved each year over the last three years”. We will continue to work closely with families so every child can benefit fully from school life.

The report also identifies areas where we need to improve, including curriculum and teaching, and early years. Please be reassured that this important work is already underway. Kates Hill Primary and Dudley Academies Trust are working closely together and taking purposeful action at pace, with a shared focus on making a positive difference for every child.

As Headteacher, I am proud that the report reflects the strength of our school community and the relationships we have with our children and families. We are clear about what we need to improve and committed to doing this with urgency, care and ambition.



In line with Ofsted guidance, we are sharing the report with parents and carers within five working days of receiving it. We expect it to be published by Ofsted shortly, and it will also be available on our school website under About Us > Statutory Information > Ofsted Report.

Thank you for your continued support. We remain committed to ensuring every child feels known, valued and able to achieve their best.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher