



**Press Release**  
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## **Ofsted inspection: Pupils ‘thrive’ at Tadcaster primary school**

### **Saxton Primary School headteacher thanks parents, children and staff**

The headteacher of a ‘welcoming’ Tadcaster primary school where ‘pupils thrive’ has thanked parents, children and staff for their ‘continued contribution to its success’, after was rated ‘Good’ across all areas by Ofsted following a recent inspection.

This represents a rapid turnaround for the school which was previously judged to “require improvement” in September 2022.

Saxton Church of England Primary School, which forms part of the Star Multi-Academy Trust, welcomed inspectors last month who acknowledged the ‘family’ feel of the school, where pupils develop ‘valuable life skills through a curriculum that extends beyond academic learning’.

The report also identified that the children work hard in their lessons and take pride in what they do, and that they are ‘eager to take on positions of leadership’ such as eco warriors, librarians and worship leaders.

Staff are described as ‘experts in tailoring learning to meet the needs of pupils in different age groups’ allowing them to ‘progress well in the mixed-age classes’.

Further recognition was given to the staff’s ability to make sure that all students - including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) - have a broad range of experiences to develop their character, giving the children a solid foundation for their future education.

Welcoming the report Saxton CoE Primary School’s executive headteacher, Rick Weights, said: “All of the staff at Saxton have worked tirelessly to create a learning environment where every child can thrive, not only with their academic work but also through wider initiatives that prepare them for life outside of school.

“We are delighted that Ofsted has recognised these efforts, and we are very proud to have achieved a Good rating across all areas including early years provision, personal development and the behaviour and attitudes of the pupils. This acknowledges the significant improvement that has been made in all areas of our school.

“I am extremely grateful to everyone who has contributed to the success of the school, including the parents, children and the staff. They often describe our school as a ‘hidden gem’. With their ongoing support, and with the support of the wider multi-academy trust, we can ensure our children have the very best possible start in their educational journey.”

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The Star Multi Academy Trust is made up of eleven schools located across North Yorkshire.

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Collectively, the schools are committed to providing the best possible education in a fun and enjoyable learning environment; placing school improvement at the heart, with a view to attracting and deploying the best staff in the places where they are needed. Inclusion and valuing each pupil as a unique individual runs through all that the trust does.

Each academy retains its local community identity, and operates within an agreed framework of delegation, working as an effective collegiate body.

By utilising local and collective strengths, and by working in partnership with parents and other organisations that can positively contribute to its vision, the trust achieves the best outcomes for its young people and employees.