

National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools Report

<p>Netley Marsh Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infants School Ringwood Road, Woodlands, Southampton SO40 7GY Diocese: Winchester LA: Hampshire Dates of inspection: 6th June 2007 Date of last inspection: January 2004 School's Unique reference number: 116302 Name of Headteacher: Miss L Dickson Inspector's name and number: Alan Brown 256</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">School Context</p> <p>Preface: Netley Marsh is a smaller than average school of 77 pupils in the 4-7 age range. The school has the Basic Skills Award and is an Investors in People organisation.</p> <p>The school is situated next to the church and it is used often by the school for worship as well as other aspects of the curriculum.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Previous Inspection Details</p> <p>Progress since the last inspection: The issues noted in the last inspection report have been fully addressed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Netley Marsh as a Church of England school are outstanding</p> <p>The leadership is inspirational with the Governing Body and staff responding to make this an aspiring and vibrant school. Relationships with the church are excellent as is the planning and monitoring of worship. The Christian character of the school is instantly apparent on entry and throughout the school.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Established Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The inspirational leadership of the headteacher with the support of her staff;• Excellent relationships with the church;• Committed support of parents and governors.
<p style="text-align: center;">Focus for Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the development of the school Eucharist to include Years R and 1.
<p style="text-align: center;">The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners</p> <p>The Christian character of Netley Marsh is immediately obvious on entry and there are Christian symbols and quiet places for reflection throughout the school. The Governing Body has a critical role in linking with teaching and other school activities and governors are very positive and affirming of the Christian character of the school. The governors interviewed were particularly thoughtful, encouraging and articulate about the Christian life of the school. Pupils enjoy being at the school, they like the friendly atmosphere and the way in which it is easy to make and retain friendships. They are appreciative of the teachers and the after school activities. The pupils show great respect and care for the school environment and enjoy their</p>

work in the school grounds. There are excellent examples of work in classrooms and in common areas that indicate the depth of their religious, spiritual and moral thinking. The work provides an outstanding indication of the pupils' imagination, creativity and spiritual development. The Christian principles and values of the school are embedded in relationships, behaviour and thought for others. They are exemplified further in the humour and good relationships shared in the pupils' perception of themselves and the pen portraits they have written of the staff. Pupils are aware that Netley Marsh is a Church school and enjoy those distinctive aspects of a church school that play a part in their education and spiritual experience. The school provides pupils with an excellent foundation for understanding the Christian life and the importance of belief, values and worship. There are excellent links with the Church through the Foundation Governors and the Incumbent. All of whom found the Diocesan SEF to be a major source of inspiration.

The impact of collective worship on the school community is outstanding

The opportunities for collective worship at Netley Marsh school are outstanding. The Eucharist attended was excellent being designed for pupils and with pupils playing an active part. They were fully involved at all times. The service was designed with the needs of young pupils in mind and large number of parents also attended. Records of collective worship are kept meticulously and it is carefully planned with pupils playing an important part. Worship in Netley Marsh school provides one of the key focal points for the pupils' spiritual experience and has an important impact on every aspect of school life. The School offers, throughout the pupils' time in school, a vibrant and imaginative insight into formal and informal forms of worship, Anglican and otherwise. There is time for reflection with pupils singing, participating, learning prayers and generally developing a familiarity with the major events and celebrations of the Christian Year. No pupils are withdrawn from collective worship.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school as a church school is outstanding

The headteacher shares a clear and agreed vision of what a Church school should be with staff and governors. This is put into practice through the quality of her leadership and management which is persuasive and effective. The continual drive for improvement and excellence is apparent in every aspect of the school. This is a strength of the school, creating a unified and mutually supportive staff that is lively and thoughtful; relaxed, enabling and encouraging. This, in turn, transmits itself to pupils and parents, all of whom are consulted regularly. The manner in which the headteacher talks about the school, as a Church school, is very impressive and the staff complement the headteacher's vision, skills and attitudes in an outstanding manner. The headteacher and all the staff work in a close and purposeful partnership providing an excellent Christian framework for this outstanding Church school. Gospel values of loving God, one's neighbour and oneself, together with a clear educational vision, lie at the heart of the school. Netley Marsh is a church school deeply committed to the pupils and the wider communities it serves so effectively.

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