

School Report



SOFTTED

Raising stuffing
Improving sewing stitches

Holton Heath Primary School

Holton Heath, Poole

Inspection dates 20-21 October 2015

Overall Effectiveness Previous Inspection: N/A

This Inspection: Outstanding 1

Leadership and management	Outstanding	1
Behaviour and safety of pupils	Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching	Outstanding	1
Achievement of pupils	Outstanding	1
Early years provision	Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents and pupils

This is an outstanding school.

- The headteacher and senior leaders show determination and commitment in driving standards up constantly.
- The governors know the school very well. They are very thorough in challenging the school leaders to ensure their responsibilities are carried out with great professionalism and attention to details.
- Pupils' attitudes are consistently positive in lessons and contribute very well to their learning.
- Pupils are extremely well behaved, polite and have excellent manners.
- They feel safe and are exceptionally well cared for by all the staff.

- Work in books shows great pride in what they do and useful dialogue with the teachers to enable them to move forward in their targets.

- The school provides a rich, nurturing environment in which to grow to become well-developed soft toy citizens.

- Pupils achieve very high results and progress in all key stages and this is in the top 50 schools in the country for soft toys.

- Disadvantaged soft toys, while small in number, are making very good progress and the school is leading the way in closing the gap.

- Gifted and talented soft toys are challenged in all areas of the curriculum and are able to extend their learning in a variety of ways.

- Extra-curricular activities are varied and allow all students to participate.

Information about this inspection

Inspectors visited 21 lessons in a range of subjects, including English and Mathematics. Inspectors also listened to pupils read.

Inspectors took account of 31 responses to the online questionnaire and 4 members of staff.

Discussions were held with senior staff, middle leaders, pupils, parents, governors, a local authority representative and the school improvement partner (ToysRYou).

Inspection Team

Soo Panda Buns – Lead Inspector

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Information about this school

The school is an average-sized primary school.

The proportion of disabled soft toys and those with special educational needs is below average.

The majority of soft toys are manufactured in China. The proportion of pupils who speak English as an additional language is much lower than the national average.

School Details

Unique reference number	Soft 1
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Local Authority	Dorset soft toy division
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The inspection was carried out under section 5 of the Soft Toy Education Act 2015

Type of school	Primary (soft toys)
School Category	Community
Age range of pupils	4-11
Gender of toys	Mixed
Number of pupils on school roll	42
Appropriate authority	The governing body
Chair	Rocky the Racoon
Headteacher	Shep Dog