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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TOP MARKS FOR RINGWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL**

“Ringwood Junior School is an outstanding school. From the moment you arrive in the grounds you are met with a warm welcome”, so begins the report written by Ofsted inspectors, who visited the school on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

Sally-Ann Evans, headteacher, is absolutely delighted with the outcome. *‘It is especially rewarding to receive such positive accolades from the inspectors. The proportion of primary schools gaining an outstanding grade, across the country, is currently 9% of all schools inspected, and the number of junior schools is much fewer.’*

The inspectors were very impressed by all the school had achieved under the excellent leadership of the headteacher, strongly supported by the senior leadership team and highly effective governing body. Of note was the outstanding achievement of pupils, whose behaviour was reported as exemplary and as having an obvious enjoyment in their learning.

The staff provide outstanding care, offer a warm welcome to school, and all contribute to a shared caring ethos focused on pupils’ learning and well-being.

The inspectors applauded the way in which pupils play a full role in the life of the school and enjoy taking responsibilities offered. They enjoy an outstanding breadth of curricular opportunities. Pupils are knowledgeable about the school and proud of the school’s achievements. They say they feel safe in school. Inspectors commented that ‘the pupils feel their voice is listened to and they make a difference.’

Inspectors observed many outstanding lessons and children with special needs and those who are more able, are particularly well supported. The inspectors noted that the system in place to track the progress of different groups of pupils is exceptional. They comment on the outstanding management of assessment which means that staff have detailed information about pupil progress that is shared with parents and carers.

Ofsted recognises that the school provides excellent value for money.

The headteacher was praised by the inspectors for her inspirational leadership. Her clear direction is embedded in the school and her successful encouragement of teamwork is particularly well supported by senior leaders and governors. They commented that ‘Together they are innovative and forward thinking and sustain excellent drive for improvement.’

The inspection team reported that the school had comprehensively responded to the last inspection and has ‘outstanding capacity to sustain further improvement.’ This is as a result of the school’s rigorous approach to self-evaluation, successfully involving middle managers, an excellent strategic plan focused on improvement, and support and challenge at all levels. The combined effort of the pupils, staff, governing body and school leaders has made Ringwood Junior School the success it is today.

**"We are delighted with the outstanding judgement which is well deserved and recognition of all the dedication and hard work by the whole school community. Inspectors particularly remarked on the how much they enjoyed their visit to the school and the excellent behaviour and enthusiastic attitude of the children to their learning." commented Carol Hazell, Chair of Governors.**

*Sally-Ann Evans, headteacher, said "This excellent result validates all the tremendous hard work that goes into making this such a successful school. Whilst we shall enjoy our success, our sights are on continuing to achieve even higher results and to be a leading school across Hampshire and beyond."*

