



# MASON MOOR

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### School Data and Ofsted Report

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Dear Mason Moor families,

I am writing with information in relation to our school's continued successes.

In July 2023, we were delighted to receive the best Key Stage 2 results in the school's history. Progress scores were the highest on record in the school's history. A significant achievement after just one year.

Progress is measured on a child's journey from Year 2 to Year 6. **Mason Moor's progress is exceptional for last year across all tested subject areas.** A score of 7.02 for reading shows that it is significantly above the national average. Writing and Mathematics are also above the national average. Our results were also moderated by the local authority.

		Mason Moor Primary School (2771)	
		Value	
Reading	<b>Avg. Prog. Score</b>	<b>7.02</b>	
	Conf. Int.	±2.22	+4.80 to +9.24
Writing	<b>Avg. Prog. Score</b>	<b>0.47</b>	
	Conf. Int.	±2.00	-1.53 to +2.47
Maths	<b>Avg. Prog. Score</b>	<b>1.89</b>	
	Conf. Int.	±2.09	-0.20 to +3.98

In June, just 9 months into my post as Headteacher of Mason Moor, we received the call from Ofsted. This was a full inspection to look at the journey of the school since 2017. The report is attached. Whilst overall the school's grading has moved to Requires Improvement – you will note the how positively it reads:

- **All of the other areas are now 'good'**. This is a significant achievement when I consider the state of the school when I was asked to take it on.
- **The inspector noted that recent work (within the school year) had resulted in improvements across the school.**
- **I am proud of the comments throughout this report:** "Pupils come to school to learn. They take pride in their work and want to be successful."
- **The lead inspector noted:** "The headteacher's unequivocal mantra, 'Whatever it takes', is keenly felt by all. Since his appointment, he has skilfully pulled together a school community that had experienced extremely unsettled times."
- **"Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are now supported well"**



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We are, however, disappointed with the timing of the inspection. Ofsted came into school just two weeks before our results were published. **Had they have visited afterwards; I am sure that the overall result would have been different.** In the report, sadly, previous outcomes (prior to my arrival) were mentioned: *“Over time, pupils’ academic outcomes have been poor.”* At the same time recognising a significant shift at Mason Moor in the last nine months: *“Since September 2022, improvements in the school’s curriculum have been substantial and effective.”*

This year, we continue to push the boundaries further, to ensure that Mason Moor becomes the exceptional school we know it can be for our children. Many parents and carers have already noticed the exciting developments and changes we have made:

- Further redecoration and physical improvements to the building
- The installation of a state-of-the-art library
- A nursery block transformed and ready for pupils
- A SEN unit to support the overspill of places required from Springwell Special School
- Installing an outdoor classroom – and designating our forest learning area to support outdoor provision for every child.

**I am proud of the report attached.** It speaks of hard work and determination of the staff team – at all levels. And, I’m sure as you read it you too will note that it talks above a strong school – one we should be proud of. I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff team for their continued efforts to improve the life-chances of children attending this school.

One silver-lining of the inspection outcome is that Ofsted will return within 18 months, for a further inspection. We, as were the Ofsted team and Southampton City Council, are more than confident of very strong outcomes given our continued projection.

Best wishes,

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