

Ofsted Inspections over time show the consistently high quality of Peasedown St John School. In our most recent inspection (December 2012) inspectors noted:

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The behaviour and safety of pupils are outstanding.

- **Pupils at Peasedown St John enjoy coming to school. They attend regularly and have exemplary attitudes to learning.**
- Pupils' behaviour is impeccable. There is a shared sense of pride with everyone pulling together to be the best they can.
- **Pupils are polite and well mannered.**
- Pupils thrive on taking responsibility and are strongly committed to making a contribution to the quality of life in school.
- **Parents believe their children are happy, safe and well looked after. Pupils agree.**
- Pupils are exceptionally supportive of one another and take pleasure in one another's success.
- **The leadership and management are outstanding. The school has two co-headteachers. One works part time and is responsible for the strategic direction of the school. The other works full time and has the day-to-day responsibility for running the school.**
- The governing body wants the school to be 'The first choice for the community and at the heart of that community', and pupils say that the school is all about 'Achieving Excellence for ourselves and others'. High ambition to do the best for all pupils is uncompromising and ripples through this school.
- **Leaders at all levels expect nothing less than the best teaching. They check the quality of teaching regularly by looking at how well pupils are learning.**
- The school continuously looks for ways to work with parents and carers, who appreciate getting involved in the many opportunities on offer.
- **Pupils are very well prepared to move on to the next stage in their education. The 'Irresistible Curriculum' is the school's innovative and highly effective approach to teaching different subjects. It gives pupils the skills they need to become lifelong independent learners. It helps them develop excellent social skills and gives them rich, meaningful and enjoyable cultural experiences.**
- Teaching is good overall; some is outstanding. Parents and carers agree with inspectors that their children are taught well.
- **Lessons build well on pupils' existing knowledge. Teachers' questions challenge pupils to think deeply and check they understand what they are learning.**
- During the inspection, pupils made good progress in the very large majority of lessons observed and outstanding progress in some lessons.
- **The development of pupils' reading skills is a strength of the school. Results for year 2 and year 6 (are) very high.**

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