



# Loudwater School

Ofsted Report

Date of visit: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

# Background to the inspection.

- ▶ Last inspection February 2013
- ▶ Short inspection to ascertain whether we are still a “good” school
- ▶ Information the inspector had before visiting the school
- ▶ What did he do?

# Strengths

## Strengths in 2013

- ▶ Strong leadership & vision
- ▶ Effective assessment & monitoring systems
- ▶ Progress made by disadvantaged pupils
- ▶ The strength of the Governing Body

## Strengths in 2018

- ▶ Planning, resources and training opportunities shared
- ▶ Partnerships with other schools
- ▶ Quality of teaching checked regularly
- ▶ Pupils make strong progress in English and Maths

# Inspection findings

- ▶ Safeguarding is effective
- ▶ Improved provision in the Foundation Stage class
- ▶ High quality phonics teaching
- ▶ Improvements in attainment in reading, writing and maths at the end of Year 2
- ▶ Improving standards in writing across Key Stage 2
- ▶ Overall attendance in line with national averages
- ▶ A broad and rich curriculum including after school activities

# Governance

- ▶ Governors are a highly dedicated and professional team with a detailed, in-depth understanding of the school.
- ▶ Regular visits to the school and access to accurate tracking and assessment information, together with the head teacher reports means that governors are well informed of the progress that the school is making.

# Next steps for the school

Leaders and those responsible for governance should ensure that:

- ▶ Progress in writing continues to improve across the school
- ▶ Improved levels of challenge enable a higher proportion of the most able pupils to achieve the higher standard in reading, writing and mathematics
- ▶ The quality of pupils' work and the depth of learning in science and the wider curriculum are consistently as good as the best in the school