

Kingsdown and Ringwould Primary School - From their Church Inspection

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Kingsdown and Ringwould School as a Church of England school are outstanding

The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners

The school's accreditation as a 'Thinking School' gives pupils opportunities to take responsibility for their own learning and to engage in mature philosophical discussions

Our recent Ofsted Inspection where the curriculum was graded Outstanding with a good with outstanding elements overall.

There has been an innovative approach to curriculum development since the last inspection. The school is the first in Kent to be awarded 'Thinking School' status and teachers use this approach to learning very effectively in lessons. This has had a particularly positive effect in English, where the structure of 'mapping out' ideas has helped pupils to structure their writing much more effectively.

Leaders have established very effective partnerships with others to support learning and pupils' personal development. Members of staff take a key role in working with other schools to share good practice, especially with regard to the development of thinking skills. This innovative project has helped to motivate pupils to write with enthusiasm and to ensure that progress in writing is now good for both boys and girls at Key Stage 1.