



*(Quote from the ofsted report September 2007)*

Whitmore Juniors has come through immensely troubled times. It still has a long way to go before it can be judged to be providing a satisfactory quality of education for its pupils but the 'dark cloud' of decline and underachievement is beginning to lift. The senior staff, aided by key governors, has halted the recent decline and are now leading the school on a secure journey of improvement. They have a clear view of what needs doing and how best to move the school forward. Whitmore now has the confidence of the community, staff, pupils and their parents. It works well with external agencies to support its improvement. The headteacher has made a significant difference, particularly to pupils' attitudes and readiness to learn.

Many parents praise the changes made as do children and staff, stating that...'the headteacher has her finger on the pulse' and 'the school has improved greatly...'. Their views indicate that over the past 12 months Whitmore Juniors has become a different school.

Staff morale is high. The headteacher is doing a good job at building the staff team and developing their capability. The climate for learning is good; the school is a safe place in which children can play and learn and pupils' behaviour is now satisfactory. They love coming to school, as seen by the notable improvement in their attendance.