New 2018 guide gives parents info and ratings for EVERY primary school in Lincolnshire

This is a must-read for primary school parents

Kirton Primary School is the best state-funded primary school in Lincolnshire, according to a comprehensive new guide.

The Real Schools Guide 2018, compiled by Trinity Mirror's data unit, aims to give a far more comprehensive picture than traditional league tables.

It takes into account 44 different data points - including not just KS2 results but factors like progress, pupil-teacher ratios and absence rates.

Parents can go online to browse the full data, compare different schools, and find links to contact details and recent Ofsted reports.

The Guide, now in its fifth year, has been praised by education experts. Dr Elaine McCreery, head of primary initial teacher education at Manchester Metropolitan University, said the guide could help parents make decisions about where to apply for or be useful for those with children already at schools to get involved and support the school.

This year's results put <u>Kirton Primary School</u> near Boston on top as the best school in the local area. In second place is Witham St Hugh's Academy, while third is Malcolm Sargent Primary School.

Lincolnshire Top 10

- 1. Kirton Primary School
- 2. Witham St Hughs Academy
- 3. Malcolm Sargent Primary School
- 4. Wyberton Primary School
- 5. William Alvey Schoo
- 6. The Bardney Church of England and Methodist Primary School
- 7. Deeping St James Community Primary School
- 8. Cranwell Primary School (Foundation)
- 9. The Saint Hugh's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy, Lincoln
- 10. The Spalding Monkshouse Primary School

Areas that schools are judged on by the guide include attainment, attendance and progress.

Here's who topped the tables for individual categories in the county.

Executive Headteacher of Kirton Primary School Nicky Donley said it was wonderful news: "It's just so wonderful for the school and the children and the staff. It's a big pat on the back for all the hard work they've done and is just so exciting.

"It's amazing that we really are up there as one of the best schools in Lincoinshire. Every day we just try to do what's best for the children and is really is a big pat on the back for us."

Attainment for all Top 5

- 1. Carlton Road Academy
- 2. The Saint Hugh's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy
- 3. North Somercotes CofE Primary School
- 4 Ermine Primary Academy
- 5. Stickney CofE Primary School

Executive Headteacher of Stickney CofE Primary School Rowena Thompson said: "We are especially thrilled to be in the top 5 schools in Lincolnshire for "Attainment for All" because we are an inclusive school who have high expectations for all of our pupils including those who have special needs or are disadvantaged.

"Our staff team are very caring and work with dedication and determination to strive for every single child to be the best that they can be.

"Our children enjoy coming to school and have positive attitudes to learning and aim to achieve their very best. We were pleased that this was also recognised during our recent Ofsted visit in November

"It is also very rewarding to know that when taking all the measures into account Stickney Primary is also ranked highly at 13th in Lincolnshire."

Progress Top 5

- 1. Kirton Primary School
- 2. Staniland Academy
- 3. Carlton Primary Academy
- 4. The Bardney CofE and Methodist Primary School
- 5. Witham St Hugh's Academy

Attendance Top 5

- 1. The Uffington CofE Primary School
- 2. The Marston Thorold's Charity CofE School
- 3. Barkston and Syston CofE Primary School
- 4. Digby the Tedder Primary School
- 5. Ellison Boutlers CofE Primary School

