

## High praise for Tudor and Orsett primaries from education boss

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THURROCK'S education portfolio holder visited one of the country's best performing primary schools on Wednesday (8 January) and he didn't have to step outside the borough.

In fact Thurrock boasts two schools in the country's top 250 – Tudor Court and Orsett C of E. The government announced the list of school ranked for progress between Key Stages 1 and 2 just before Christmas.

But on Wednesday Cllr John Kent had a long-standing appointment to visit Orsett Primary in School Lane and said it was "a real pleasure" to see the school.

"I am trying to get into as many schools in the borough as I can during my first year as portfolio holder," said Cllr Kent, "and it just happens Orsett was scheduled this week."

He said: "Actually Orsett was having a double celebration having just secured an outstanding inspection rating by the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools which focuses on Christian character, collective worship religious education and leadership and management as well.

"Orsett already has an Ofsted rating of good with outstanding for behaviour and safety and leadership and management, so it was no surprise to find everyone there full of enthusiasm and talking up their success."

He said: "I would really like to congratulate Tudor Court as well. They received a good rating from Ofsted last spring so it is really pleasing the government has recognised its success.

"I haven't had a chance to visit Tudor Court yet, but I will – and soon – so I can pass on my congratulations personally; that's something I really want to do, to show I really appreciate their efforts.

"It's schools like Orsett and Tudor Court that are leading the way for Thurrock. It's schools like these which should be making the headlines.

"It's schools like these that highlight and promote the many good things happening in our education system. "I can't praise these schools enough. They and many others like them carry on tirelessly providing the education our young people need to succeed in this ever-more competitive world."

