



# St Paul's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As you know, Ofsted inspected our school at the end of December, the first time we had been included in their schedule of visits since 2012. We were inspected by 4 inspectors over two days, who completed deep dives into various subjects, discussions with staff and pupils, lesson visits and scrutiny of work. The inspectors met with senior leaders, governors, parents, representatives from the Local Authority and Diocese and they scrutinised documentation. The complete report is now available for you to read on the school website as well as being on the official Ofsted website.

The overall judgement is that St. Paul's CE Primary School is a **GOOD** school and that this finding applies to all aspects of school life. We expected this overall judgement, as we feel it is a true reflection of the school at this moment in time, however there is some disappointment that the school was not seen as being outstanding in certain areas.

There has been a huge emphasis on curriculum development with Ofsted and St. Paul's has responded to this over the last 2 years. Some aspects of the changes that have been made require embedding, which the inspection and our current school improvement plan have highlighted. It is reassuring to know that we are already well aware of our strengths and areas for development. We are currently undertaking a 12 to 18 month training with our partner school, St. Andrew's on Teaching and Learning, which is feeding into all subjects and supporting us to attain the highest possible standards of teaching. This will support our wider curriculum areas as well as Maths and English.

There is substantial praise in the inspection report for our school. 'It is a kind and happy place.' 'Pupils are respectful towards their peers, staff and visitors'. 'Pupils behave well because adults have high expectations of them.' Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects....and are thoughtful learners.' 'Everyone is celebrated here'

The inspectors identified evidence that reading is a priority and our curriculum is well-structured. Teachers have good subject knowledge and leaders are ambitious for pupils with special educational needs and or disabilities. Our safeguarding is effective and was highly praised by the inspectors, describing it to us, as robust. We were delighted with all of the positive comments made within the report and within the feedback that Senior Leaders received each day of the inspection.

I would like to personally thank the staff and governors for their hard work on behalf of our school and I would like to thank you for your support throughout this inspection process. We are ready to continue our journey and we will keep you informed of our progress against the school improvement priorities that were shared with you recently. Our next inspection will be in approximately 4 years time.

Kind regards

Cath Mann

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