



Monday 25th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find attached the **OFSTED** report from our recent inspection visit held on 12th and 13th September 2023. We are delighted with this report as we have received a **GOOD** judgement for overall effectiveness. This incorporates **GOOD** judgements for the quality of education, Behaviour and attitudes, Personal development, Leadership and management and Early years provision.

As you can see, the report highlights the strengths of the school as well as the next steps which we will be taking as we move forward to ensure we continue to offer the very best education for our children.

Some of the highlights for us include:

- St Mary's Primary School is much loved by pupils, parents and carers. Pupils are happy and say that staff look after them well.
- Staff have high ambitions for all pupils. They are passionate about 'developing the whole child' into a 'global citizen'.
- Staff have high expectations for pupils' behaviour. Pupils rise to these expectations and behave very well. They help each other and are keen to make sure that there are 'no outsiders'.
- Children in early years enjoy learning a well-structured curriculum that meets their needs and prepares them well for their next steps. They quickly begin to thrive in the rich learning environment.
- Pupils' personal development is a strength of the school.
- The school has effective systems in place to identify and support pupils with special educational needs and /or disabilities (SEND). Teachers know pupils' needs well. When necessary, teachers adapt what they teach and how they teach it to meet pupils' needs.

During the visit, we were pleased that the Inspection team acknowledged that we met some of the outstanding grade criteria in Behaviour and attitudes, Personal development and Early years provision. However, within the current 2019 Education Inspection Framework for a school to be judged outstanding they must hit all of the good and outstanding criteria 'securely and consistently.'

As a school we love the work we do in ensuring our whole community can flourish, and look forward to starting on our next phase of development to make the school even better.

We are proud of what we provide, but we will continue to push ourselves to be the very best for our children, staff and community. We believe the report highlights so many strengths that really shine through on a daily basis.

We thank you for your continued support and investment in what we do as a school.

Yours faithfully

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