

# ST. MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Learning for Life'

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you know, Ofsted recently inspected our school. They have now announced the results of their inspection, and we are delighted to say that they have judged the school to be **"Good."**

Ofsted assess the school based on five main criteria: leadership and management; behaviour and safety of pupils; quality of teaching; achievement of pupils; and early years provision. The school was judged to be **good** in all five categories.

The school has improved tremendously in the last two years. This has required strong leadership to bring about the changes necessary to make rapid improvement. The report recognises that: **"Teaching has improved since the last inspection and is now good. An increasingly confident workforce of teachers and teaching assistants plan and teach stimulating lessons that are well-judged to meet pupils' differing abilities."** As a result, **"Pupils' rates of progress have increased rapidly and are in line with or better than those seen nationally."**

We have a fantastic new team here at St Mary's who clearly have the capacity to improve the school even further. We have high aspirations for every child who attends our school, and - with your help - we will continue to strive for higher standards and ensure the best possible outcomes for all of the children.

The full Ofsted report is attached, and will also be available for you to read on the school's website. If you have any questions or would like to know more, you are welcome to contact us via the office. In the meantime, we hope that you will join us in celebrating this judgement.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication. Thank you also, to all the volunteers and governors for their contributions to our success. Finally, thank you to all of you, the parents and carers, your support and encouragement has been invaluable.

We should all be proud of our school!

Yours sincerely

Rob Borgars

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Chair of Governors

Headteacher

