



St Mary's C of E Aided Primary School

A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum

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Dear Parents and Primary Carers

The Governors are very pleased with this OFSTED report following the recent inspection of St Mary's and delighted that it is now recognised as a 'Good' school in all areas. It presents a highly positive picture of the school and represents the culmination of a rigorous programme of improvement over the last four years.

This is particularly remarkable when one considers the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic. The whole school community drew on outstanding reserves of flexibility and resourcefulness in order to maintain a high quality of education for the children. We cannot underestimate the value of your support and understanding during that period.

We are sure that as parents and carers of our amazing children, you would wish to join us in congratulating every member of our dedicated staff team which, through the ambitious leadership of Mrs Copus and her senior managers, has achieved such a positive outcome.

The inspectors noted the respectful relationships, pupils 'invariably good behaviour and the school's rigorous approach to managing 'bullying or unkind behaviour.' The findings that children feel 'safe' and 'well-cared for' are of paramount importance to us as Governors.

Naturally there will always be room for improvement and already work has been undertaken to strengthen the roles of all curriculum leaders and carefully track progression in pupils' learning.

We are very proud of everything St Mary's School has achieved and of its plans for future development; there is much to celebrate! Your contribution to this success is very much appreciated as you continue to support the school as active partners in your children's learning.

Kind regards

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