

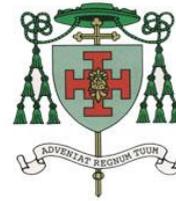
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**Thursday, 18 June 2015**

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Re: OFSTED Inspection –May 2015**

Once again I extend my thanks for the support you have given during the school's recent Ofsted Inspection. The children and community have been a real credit to the school not only during the two day inspection but also since the last inspection in 2013. I also extend this thanks to the Governors and all our Teaching and Support staff in school for all their hard work and dedication.

Ofsted visited us for two days and have graded our school as **GOOD** across the five areas inspected. Not only were we **GOOD** the inspectors highlighted several particular strengths in their report. Overleaf you will find quotes taken from the main report; a copy of the full report is also attached for you to read and is available on the school website.

We had several areas for improvement following the 2013 inspection which have all been addressed within the report attached. There are always things we can develop further and our work continues as we move forward towards our aim - to be an **OUTSTANDING** school.

We will hold a post Ofsted meeting at the start of the new academic year where we will share our next steps.

Thank you once again for your continued support and should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

All Blessings

**Mr Peter Johnson**  
**Headteacher**

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## OFSTED INSPECTION REPORT 2015

'standards across the school have risen since the previous inspection and continue to do so... teaching has improved since the last inspection... all groups of children make good progress in all key stages in reading, writing and mathematics... attainment at the end of year 2 and year 6 has risen and is above average'

'the curriculum is exciting for pupils and promotes their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development... the development of pupils' SMSC awareness through the curriculum is a huge strength of the school'

'expectations of what pupils are capable of achieving are high, pupils are moved on expertly as soon as they need more challenge... any pupils who are not making good progress are quickly identified and supported... the most able pupils achieve well, they are challenged in their learning... disadvantaged pupils achieve well and make good progress'

'the leadership of teaching is good... the school is held in high regard by the local authority... governors provide strong support and rigorous challenge to leaders and share in their quest for continual school improvement... teaching assistants are a strength of the school'

'pupils are very proud of their school... work to keep pupils safe and secure is good, some aspects are of particularly high quality... attendance has improved and is above average... systems and processes in place for checking attendance are impressive... the level of support offered to vulnerable families is very impressive'

'teaching has improved since the last inspection and this reflects in the pupils higher standards across the school... the teaching of English, is good, especially in reading... pupils make good progress in writing as a result of good teaching... the most able writers are challenged effectively... the teaching of mathematics is strong'

'Early Years leadership and management are effective... as a result of good teaching and effective support within a calm, safe and enjoyable learning environment Early Years children make good progress... the teaching of letters and sounds they make is effective...'

'learning is enjoyable in Early Years, children enjoy investigating their own interests... they articulate very clearly what they like about their school... partnership with parents are strong in Early Years... when children leave reception they are well prepared for learning in Year 1'

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