



Monday 18th July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED REPORT - June 2016

We know you will be as delighted as we are that Ofsted have judged St Mary's to be a Good school, with Outstanding Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare.

We are extremely pleased with the report and believe it to be a genuine reflection of the quality of education we are providing. For example, we can all strongly agree with the statement that *'all members of the school community strive to ensure that pupils experience a very broad range of learning and social development opportunities. Pupils themselves now display excellent attitudes and behaviours. **They thrive academically and culturally and are well prepared to make a strong contribution to society in modern Great Britain in the future lives***'. This is exactly what we have all worked so hard to achieve!

You will, I'm sure, find many things to celebrate in the report. As Governors, we are particularly pleased to see that issues previously raised by the last report – namely, ensuring that Pupil Premium pupils achieve as well as their peers, improving the quality of children's Writing and making sure that all teaching is *at least* Good – have been well-addressed and praised by the inspectors. Every parent can be confident that their child is receiving teaching which is at least good (and sometimes outstanding), helping them to make strong progress and achieve well. You will also see that the broad curriculum offered here was highlighted as a strength; we are very grateful to the staff for all their hard work in arranging trips, projects and events which enhance your children's learning on a regular basis.

It is a great joy to us that the children's superb attitudes have been recognised, and both Personal Development and Welfare, and Behaviour, have been judged to be Outstanding. We are extremely proud of our children, and the way they approach their learning and treat one another. A key aspect of this grade was also the excellent work done by the staff in tackling attendance and punctuality. We are very grateful for your ongoing support with this and hope that you will continue to ensure your children attend school regularly. It is central to our mission as a school that children feel valued,



supported and safe, and as you can see this is provided in such an exemplary way by our school staff.

We have a highly motivated team here, always looking for ways to develop the school further to make it as excellent (with compassion!) as it can be. In the report the inspector said leaders “are continually aware of the school’s strengths and weaknesses and have a sound understanding of what they need to do to continue the improvement journey to secure outstanding practice in all areas”. This is a ringing endorsement of the leadership within the school and therefore, you can be confident that St Mary’s will continue to go from strength to strength. As Governors, we are always committed to delivering the best outcomes for the children in our care.

We hope you will join us in congratulating everyone involved for this wonderful achievement, and are as proud of our school as we are. Thank you for all your support and for helping to make St Mary’s such a fantastic school. Enjoy the summer holidays and come back prepared for a new and exciting school year in 2016/17!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Ward".

Jon Ward
Chair of Governors

