

Compassion, Courage & Respect

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Inspection Outcome

I am delighted to share with you the report from our most recent Ofsted inspection. As you aware, at the end of last half term we had two of His Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) visit our school to carry out a scheduled inspection. These inspections generally occur every 5 years and judge how effectively the school is operating in key areas.

You will see in the report that we achieved Good in all areas. This is a huge achievement for all stakeholders as we know that in recent years the school has faced a variety of challenges, hence why it had been deemed a high priority school for the Local Authority. This report is testimony to the hard work, determination and love that has been demonstrated by our whole school community.

Ofsted reports by nature are a little bland and can read as being rather generic; this is because they have to follow strict protocols and restrictions on using technical vocabulary and emotive/opinion-based language. Therefore, I feel compelled to add some further embellishment to the report to capture both the extent of the achievement and the extremely positive outcomes for the staff and children.

In addition to the content of the report these additional points were shared with the senior leadership team, governors and representatives from the Local Authority and Diocese.

- In 3 of the 5 areas the school was considered for an outstanding judgement and only missed out by a few minor issues.
- The Senior Leadership Team were complimented on how quickly they had evaluated and impacted on the quality of Teaching and Learning, pupil outcomes, behaviour, Curriculum and SEN provision.
- The children's behaviour was exemplary, no low-level disruptive behaviour was witnessed and the children talked with confidence and personality with the Inspectors when they were spoken too.

- The school's inclusive nature was complimented and demonstrated throughout the school, evidenced through adaptations to tasks and physical environments
- Governance was regarded as very strong, with a clear understanding of their statutory duties and clarity around the schools

Two of the most positive memories from the inspection for me were:

The amazing support we felt from our parental body. The good luck emails, 'wish you well' cards, kind words on the gate and plates of food that got us through day one. Then on day two, the Inspection team read out anonymously some of the written responses that you had taken the time to share, this gave us both a tear in the eye and pride in our hearts, so a massive sincere thank you.

The second memory I will always hold dear is the sheer number of staff from our other partner schools who arrived on site, after teaching all day, to support. Regardless of whether they made tea, reassured friends or helped with displays and resources, we knew we were not alone.

This inspection of course was never our end goal or final destination. The next step of our journey starts here. A step towards being the best school we can be for every child, who are privileged to have Mrs Moir and her amazing team.

I would like to end with a final thank you to all of you, our parents, carers and families, for your unwavering support; and a massive well done to the children and staff of Silchester C of E Primary School; you excelled and I am proud of each and every one of you.

Yours Sincerely

Mr G Golding

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