



St Alban's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to attach the letter from Her Majesty's Inspectors following our recent OFSTED inspection, which confirms that St Alban's CE Primary School is a good school.

In September 2019, OFSTED introduced their new and more rigorous inspection framework, raising the bar for schools. The new framework focuses on how well schools ensure that the wider curriculum is as strong as reading, writing and mathematics and how well leaders of subjects like history and geography lead their subject to the same high standard as maths and English. It is a completely new way of inspecting and cannot be compared to previous inspection frameworks. In our inspection, inspectors recognised the very high standards that our children achieve "year on year" in English and maths, resulting in outcomes for the school in the top 1% nationally, and praised the leaders of these subjects. Inspectors also recognised that our children access a broad and rich wider curriculum. The new OFSTED framework allows all schools a two year 'transition' in recognition that the expectations of the new inspection framework are so different from previous years to give them time to adjust their approach. This transition period is to allow schools time to further develop standards in the wider curriculum and to develop leaders of these subjects; however, the transition period does not relate to outstanding schools, and it was therefore not possible for us in the short time frame we have had since the change in the Ofsted framework to make the adjustments needed to retain our outstanding status.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Parent View questionnaires. Your support for our school came across very strongly. As always, we value greatly your support as parents.

The inspector was very impressed with how pupils conducted themselves in and around school. Children were also helpful and polite and talked confidently to the inspectors, answering their questions or reading aloud to them. In the report, inspectors captured our lovely school well, as they talked about how:

- "Its distinctively Christian ethos contributes well to pupils' spiritual, cultural and moral development"
- "staff and pupils are proud to work and learn here"
- "adults and pupils smile a great deal at each other"
- "children are well looked after by calm, caring staff"
- "pupils' resilience, cooperation and stamina are well developed".

They were also impressed with our teaching staff, and found that they:

- "frequently check pupils' understanding"
- "have good subject knowledge"
- "explain ideas and vocabulary well"
- "use assessment well to build on pupils' existing knowledge".

The report will be published on the OFSTED website within the next week, and we will provide a link to this from our website too. If you have any questions regarding the report, please do speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Adair

Mrs Gurner

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