



# St Andrew's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to advise you that we have now received our Ofsted report for the inspection carried out at the end of January. A copy of the report is included with this email and is also available on our website.

It is very pleasing to read so many positive comments about our school, and to see that the inspection team were able, in a relatively short time, to recognise the huge amount of progress that has been made within the past eighteen months.

There are many highlights that I could pick out; such as the fact that children make good progress in Early Years, that the school's work to promote personal development and welfare is good and that staff morale is high. I am delighted that within the report there are so many positive comments that are testament to the wonderful children here at St. Andrew's, whom they describe as 'increasingly self-confident and articulate', and to the fantastic staff who 'feel motivated to work together in the best interests of the pupils'.

It would be entirely reasonable to question why I am so pleased when the overall judgement has moved from Good to Requires Improvement since the previous inspection. I believe it is a fair judgement, in accordance with our own assessment of where we currently are, as explained in the report, and I believe that all schools need to be challenged to provide the very best education possible. There have been a number of significant changes to St. Andrew's over the past few years which have affected the outcomes for pupils. We are already seeing the positive impact of new leadership, new systems and initiatives, and it is great to see that the Ofsted report acknowledges this explicitly. However, it takes time for real and sustained school improvement to take place, and I know that we now have all of the right ingredients in place to be able to work together to achieve this.

It is my intention to continue to drive improvements so that our school continues to offer the very best we can for all the children here and to achieve increased success. My staff and I are fully committed to doing everything in our power to continue to raise attainment, to continue to empower and develop our leaders across the school, and to work in partnership with all parents to improve attendance and behaviour.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and Governors who are fully supportive of St. Andrew's and its strategy for improvement. I would also like to thank the wonderful, confident pupils who are so proud of themselves and their school, and all the parents and carers who continue to work in partnership with the school to promote our values and ethos.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Edwards  
Head Teacher

