



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to send you a copy of the letter from Kim Hall (Her Majesty's Inspector) following our recent Section 8 Ofsted Inspection on 6th March 2018. Good schools will typically experience a one day Section 8 Inspection every three years and it is pleasing to note that Ofsted agree that:

- **The school continues to be good;** and
- **Safeguarding is effective**

These are the only two judgements made as part of a Section 8 Inspection under the current framework.

Equally pleasing, the inspector states that the school has "wasted no time in ensuring that issues highlighted in the previous inspection report are being addressed" and that there are "precise school improvement plans to continue raising pupils' achievement, particularly of those pupils who are disadvantaged and those who are most able."

The school received notification of inspection the afternoon before the inspection was due to take place as per current Ofsted protocols. This ensures that Ofsted see a typical picture of daily school life in order to form their judgement.

The inspector arrived at 8am and spent a full day in school, visiting most classes and looking at a range of work from pupils. She spoke to pupils, staff, governors and a representative of the Local Authority, as well as reviewing the 81 questionnaires completed on-line via Parent-View. She carefully considered school data since the last Ofsted visit.

The inspector gave her confidential feedback to representatives of the Governing Body, the Senior Leadership Team, The Local Authority and the Diocese in the early evening. She was keen to point out that school knew exactly where it needed to prioritise future development and that this was reflected in the School Development Plan (available on the school website). As such, there are no surprises in the 'Next Steps for the School' outlined by the inspector in her letter, which we look forward to addressing over the coming months and years.



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Mrs Hall was also keen to point out the delightful nature of our children who “demonstrate a maturity that is often beyond their years ...” and the “strong feature of ... the caring ethos, which reflects the values you promote within the community”.

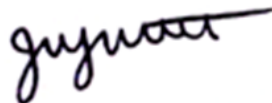
We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contribution to our fantastic school community – children, parents, teachers, support staff and Governors, all of whom make our school a special place and all of whom share in the success of this most recent inspection. We now look forward to all working together to build on this success as we continue our journey towards ‘outstanding’. We look forward to working with you to achieve this excellence for each and every one of our children.

Please do enjoy reading the full report.

Yours sincerely



John Sloan
Chair of Governors



Jon White
Headteacher

