

St. John's Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to inform you that the full Section 5 Ofsted Report from our two-day inspection in March is now available on the school website and will be released on the Ofsted site within the next 10 working days. The school has been rated in all areas as **'Good'**.

The process was very detailed and rigorous and I am very pleased that this is acknowledged. We would like to thank all those who took part in the inspection: staff, governors, parents and pupils alike.

The report itself highlights the many elements of good provision at St John's C of E Primary School as well as the next steps needed to take the school forward. What is very satisfying is that all the areas listed were within the development plan prior to the inspection and some were already at action stages.

As a school we are delighted that our approach and ethos to educating the children is centred round the needs of the child and providing a holistic curriculum that develops the children into good human beings. This is balanced with providing them with the academic foundations to support them in their lives moving forwards. The following comments are all taken from the inspection and support this work:

- Pupils enjoy coming to St John's Church of England Primary School. They describe the school as a kind and welcoming place where everyone wants to help one another.
- Pupils feel safe. Parents agree. Relationships between staff and pupils are positive.
- Leaders are ambitious for what all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), can achieve.
- Leaders have created a curriculum that is designed well.
- Leaders ensure that keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- Reading is a priority for the school.
- Leaders have put in place a well-structured mathematics curriculum.
- Pupils have positive attitudes to their learning. They behave well in lessons and during social times.
- The headteacher and his staff have high expectations for pupils' behaviour and conduct. Should disruption occur, staff deal with this quickly and effectively.
- Governors, including the newly appointed chair, are ambitious for the school. They ask challenging questions to help the school improve.

At the current time, OFSTED has received negativity within the media, so we wanted to highlight our respect and appreciation for the two inspectors who visited the school. They were professional, compassionate and treated the community with utmost respect. The children enjoyed speaking to them – and in return the inspectors were hugely complimentary of the children, highlighting the Year 6 group in particular as being terrific role models.

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: **Mr Priestley, Mrs Plant or Miss Roberts**. Alternatively, you can ring Somerset Direct on: **0300 123 2224**

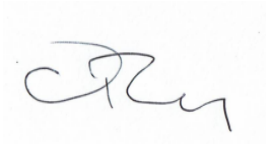


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We are delighted with the outcome of the inspection and are focused upon sustaining standards and moving forward so that the children continue to thrive at St John's C of E Primary School.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office and a member of the team will get back to you.

Kind regards



Olly Priestley

Headteacher



Brian King

Chair of Governors

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