

Monday 12th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Report – June 2022

Following our Section 8 Ofsted Inspection, which took place on 22nd and 23rd June 2022, I am very pleased to announce that **St Matthew's continues to be a good school**. I have attached the report, which will also be published on the Ofsted website in the next week.

Since our last inspection in May 2017, there have been many changes both within the school and within the wider world, thinking especially about the impact of the pandemic over the last 2 ½ years. We have also seen the introduction of a new Ofsted framework, which puts a bigger emphasis on the quality of education. This is why I am especially proud of everyone involved in our school family – children, staff, parents/carers, volunteers, governors – for the way in which they have continued to strive for the very best, despite the challenges we may have faced.

I am sure you will agree that within the report there is high praise for our children who "live up to the school motto, 'let your light shine', and thoroughly enjoy learning with their friends." We were, and continue to be, so proud of our children who embody our school values, work hard and enjoy coming to school.

We are very proud of this report. It is the outcome of a thorough inspection, in which all views shared were triangulated with several pieces of evidence. The inspector has managed to capture our commitment to reading, the ways in which we support children with SEND to thrive, our children's positive behaviour and the fact children feel safe and loved in our school.

Within the report there are two main areas for improvement, namely the development of subject leadership and assessment of all subjects, both of which will be incorporated into the school improvement plan for 2022-23, and we are confident that we can soon meet these targets for the benefit of all in our school family.

I would like to note my gratitude to all who took part in the inspection process, especially the staff, governors and children and the way in which they have worked tirelessly to embed positive changes in the lead up to this inspection.

As a school, we recognise that this is one measure of school success, and leaders, governors and staff are keen to continue working towards our ultimate goal of fulfilling our school vision and ensuring all children let their light shine.

Kind regards,

Mr P Langridge Headteacher Mrs A Daniel
Chair of Governors

Let Your Light Shine

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