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Dear Families

Ofsted Report

As you are aware St Mary's CE Infant School was inspected by Ofsted on 22 May 2024. Once again we would like to thank children, staff and parents for their positive engagement in this process.

We are now in receipt of the final report and are delighted to be able to share this with you. We are extremely pleased at the outcome that **St Mary's Church of England Infant School continues to be a good school.**

We particularly like that the inspectors recognise the positive ethos at St Mary's; 'Pupils feel happy and cared for in this inclusive and nurturing place...Staff have high expectations for pupils' behaviour and academic progress. They forge supportive and caring relationships with pupils and their families. Unkindness is not tolerated here. Adults deal with pupils' worries straight away.'

We were also proud to read that 'Pupils are respectful and caring towards their peers. They move calmly around the school during breaktimes and settle quickly into their lessons. Pupils listen attentively and act as encouraging role models for each other.'

With our focus on ensuring good outcomes for all, we were pleased Inspectors recognised that 'Staff make sure that pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) receive additional help or adaptations in a timely and effective fashion. This support is closely matched to their individual starting points and ensures that pupils with SEND become increasingly independent in all areas of their work'.

The report does, of course, suggest next steps for improvement. These are linked to ensuring all children successfully embed new knowledge and skills before moving on the learning and we believe we have already begun to tackle these through our [current school development plan](#).

While we are very pleased with the report, we would like to make clear that Ofsted is only one aspect of how we measure success at St Mary's. Our best measure is surely the community that exists here, where children, staff and parents work together to ensure the most positive outcomes. Our children's enthusiasm for learning, compassion for others and love of life is inspiring and rightly shines through this report.

They make us very proud.

Yours faithfully

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