



## ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Re: OFSTED report.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The OFSTED report was sent to us today and we are delighted to share it with you. It will be available on the OFSTED site from 12<sup>th</sup> November onward, but if you are reading this, you will have also found the report on our website.

It is with great pleasure I can report that it states St Chad's 'continues to be good'.

This type of inspection is different to any previous that St Chad's has had; it was a one day inspection where, if a school appears through a DfE desktop review to continue to be good, then an inspector will spend a day checking if this is the case and reviewing progress since the last inspection as well as identifying areas for improvement. The end result of this process is the report you will read which is written as a letter to the Headteacher and you will notice this in the style that is used.

The report recognises the exemplary academic, social and emotional support and development that every child at St Chad's is given by every member of staff and of the governing body. The report highly praises the ethos and values of the school, the pupils' desire to achieve and pride in being part of St Chad's, the highly effective staff and Governors, the strong caring relationships, the warm welcoming culture with a shared drive for continual improvement, how well pupils are kept safe and the great achievements that each child in St Chad's makes.

I debated taking quotes from the report for this letter, but there are so many positive comments that it would be impossible to cover them all, so please do take time to read it for yourselves!

This is a great opportunity to thank the pupils, parents / families, Governors and staff, who continue to work as a team to give the best support for each and every child in St Chad's. I hope as families you are all proud of what is achieved in St Chad's through this entire community approach to creating the best provision possible in an ongoing time of change, challenge and external pressures. Part of St Chad's strength is that everyone who is part of the school all want the same thing – the very best for the pupils and community of St Chads, and as that community we will continue to build on our successes, never become complacent and always keep that passion and determination to ensure that we "*provide the very best for all pupils*".

I thank you as parents and carers, who continually support St Chad's in all we strive to achieve. The inspector in his verbal and written feedback discussed that overwhelmingly the parental response to the questionnaire stated how much their child/ren enjoyed St Chad's, how safe and nurtured they are and how well they are progressing. I do say again that we are all working together, school and home, to achieve this, so thank you everyone who gives time through events, helping in school, coming on trips, being part of committees, or simply helping with homework and keeping school up to date with information that we may need to know.

The inspector recognised that we deliver superb provision, care, guidance and support for pupils. As an example, the report states: "*staff consistently put children first and have established very strong, caring relationships,*" that "*a positive atmosphere is palpable in all classrooms and teachers encourage pupils to work hard and aim high,*" and that "*pupils have access to a wide range of curriculum, pastoral and online guidance that ensures and supports their personal safety.*"

We have an excellent team of teachers and support staff and although this was not an explicit focus of the report, the report continually references the outcomes of this exemplary provision through words such as enthusiasm, determination, consistent level of challenge and how well we know each individual with *“Leaders, teachers and pupils are proud to be a part of St Chad’s success.”*

The Leadership of the school was praised highly, for example noting our: *“highly effective teams, not least of which is your talented group of senior leaders and those responsible for key areas of the school’s work.”* Along with: *“Governors [are] ambitious champions for the school and provide the right balance of support and challenge to leaders.”* It is lovely that this was noted in the report as often it is impossible again for me to describe all that goes on behind the scenes at every level to provide all that we do and it is a huge team effort, where each and every person works tirelessly to provide personalised and appropriate care and support for each child.

I have always said that we are not chasing a label from OFSTED, but instead we simply want to do the best we can for each child. I am proud to be able to take this opportunity to share publicly how fantastic I think St Chad’s is, with the pupils at the heart of it all. I thank you as families for the warmth and togetherness you have been willing to provide. I thank the staff and Governors as I have said for all they do that is publically seen and unseen, (and so much more that I am not even sure that even I know all of it) and most importantly to thank the pupils who understand that they need to work hard and in return we will reward them with a lot of fun; who care about themselves, their classmates, their school and the world around them.

I put the below paragraph in my previous OFSTED letter 3 years ago and I stand by it all, word for word:

It was hard to write this letter without sounding like we are showing off! However, St Chad’s school community has a lot to be proud of; the staff, governors, parents / carers and most importantly the pupils have all worked hard to create something very special here in school. Your continued support for St Chad’s CE VC Primary School is greatly valued and appreciated and we look forward to continuing to support your children in going from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely,

Darren Brown on behalf of the entire team at St Chads.

