

Chair Of Governors
St Mary's RC Primary School

Mrs K Yuen,
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Dear Kirstie,

OFSTED Short Inspection - 8th March 2018.

I write to offer my warm congratulations to you and all of our staff for the achievement of a good judgement in our OFSTED inspection.

Our pupils, as ever, represented the school very well, and clearly impressed the inspector. I note the very positive comments, such as "it is a welcoming, friendly place to learn, pupils enjoy their learning and are well cared for, and pupils are happy". I was particularly pleased to read that "pupils are enthusiastic and aspirational learners".

Safeguarding has clearly become even more of a concern for all schools in recent years, and was a major focus of the inspection. It was noted that you have created a 'good culture' in this respect. Although we are never complacent, it was good to hear that one pupil said the school "was like a second home, because nobody is unkind to me and everyone is supportive".

It was very encouraging to see the improvements we have made in mathematics since 2016, which is a credit to you and to our Maths leader Mr Causebrook, as well as all others in the school who have helped implement the new strategies across all classes.

The two areas for improvement identified at our last inspection in 2014 have been addressed effectively; these being that teachers ensure that work is well matched to the ability of pupils, and that teaching assistants support pupils well in their learning.

The Inspector picked up on our Terrific Science School of Excellence Award, as well as our RE Gold Quality Mark. When combined with our standing of being in the top 1% of Schools in the UK for Reading following KS2 SATS, (per the Department for Education) it is clear that we are competing with the best.

One final comment to pick up on is that “you and your staff are passionate about the role of the school in the community.....through the school’s values of compassion, cooperation, tolerance and respect”. I believe that these values shine through in the way our pupils behave, and are a great platform for their progression to secondary school and beyond.

The Governors look forward to working with you to ensure that the great progress St Mary’s has made is maintained, and also to look for new areas where we can excel.

So, to close I would just like to thank you again on behalf of all the Governors, and thank all the pupils, staff, parents and volunteers who help make St Mary’s such a great school.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Laurence.

(Mr Laurence Flynn
Chair of Governors.)