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Re: Ofsted Inspection for St. Luke's 6th & 7th November 2019

Dear Parents,

The full report from Ofsted is now on our website under the 'About Us' tab and in 'Ofsted & SIAMs' report section. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the staff for the incredible efforts they have put in to making this school the best it can be. Also thanks to all our parents especially those who were able to fill in the Ofsted questionnaire or talk to them on the day, it was a great example of how we work together. The inspection involved a detailed look into many facets of our school:

- Meetings with staff, pupils, parents and governors
- Observation of acts of collective worship
- Interview around whole school approaches to Pupil Premium and Sports Premium funding
- Investigating the quality of teaching and learning through a detailed 'deep dive' approach into Reading, Mathematics, History, Science, French and PE
- Interviews and observations to determine the extent of inclusive practice
- Scrutiny of policies and other documents on the website
- Before and after school clubs
- Behaviour and 'Cultural Capital' (how we broaden the children's experiences)
- Safeguarding

The school was last inspected in July 2008. Since that inspection there have been three different inspection frameworks with the latest one being introduced in September 2019. Each framework has had different priorities and this latest one is concentrated less on data levels at Year 6 and more about the 'curriculum' throughout the entire school. Each change has led to an even more rigorous approach and this inspection involved two inspectors for with us for two full days.

We were extremely pleased to receive this report which agreed with our own self-evaluation that St. Luke's is a 'Good' school, on a journey of modernisation to help it give our children the best chance to thrive in these very challenging times. As the lead inspector said in his feedback to senior leaders, governors and borough advisors 'the school would have still been graded 'outstanding' if we were inspecting under the 2008 framework' and to remember that 'getting good under this new more rigorous framework is a significant achievement for schools'.



We were pleased they recognised the aspirations both the school and our parents have for all children and that children feel safe and enjoy their learning. They also noted the three year rise in Y6 test results although they do not focus on this as much as they used to. They speak about the good behaviour in lessons and the impact the school's values have had on this and on their approach to their local environment and the homelessness issue that surrounds them.

They gave us two action points, one around science (which was already on our own improvement plan) and one on making more links to problem solving, something we have been working towards since we adopted 'Maths No Problem' approach in September 2018. We have been praised by a borough senior leader in education for the rate of progress we have secured in adopting this new approach in such a short time leading to 100% of our Y6 children last year meeting the expected standard and 40% meeting the higher standard – both significantly above both national and LBN levels. We will use these recommendations and the inspection experience in general to give us energy and direction as we move forwards.

Yours Sincerely

Matt Hipperson – Headteacher