

5th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Inspection Report

As you know, Syresham St James CE Primary School was inspected by Ofsted on 16th May 2017. I am thrilled and delighted to be able to write to you now with confirmation that the outcome of that inspection is that our school has been rated as 'Good'. This maintains our grade from the previous inspection and, given the increase in demand of the inspection criteria and teaching curriculum, demonstrates the significant improvements made in school over the past few years.

We have now received the final report, which will be available on the school website and on the Ofsted website from today. I would encourage you to read the short report, which is extremely positive about all aspects of our school, but the key highlights include:

- The strength of the leadership of the school, which drives a culture of high expectations for pupils' welfare and well-being, as well as good achievement
- Good teaching across all key stages
- A full and rich curriculum, with a wide range of additional activities
- A well-organised and effective governing body
- A strong culture of care and safeguarding

There are still some areas for development, which were already being addressed before the Ofsted inspection through the School Improvement Plan. The Inspector recognised that work has already started well in these areas and just needs time to embed.

I would like to thank all our staff: teachers, teaching assistants, site staff, catering and lunchtime staff, bursar, headteacher, plus governors and all those other people who volunteer to support the school for their ongoing hard work. They should all be very proud of what they do and what they achieve for our children at Syresham. Their dedication was evident during the inspection and is evident every day.

I would also like to thank all the pupils, parents and Governors for the support they gave during the inspection. In particular thanks to those of you who completed the Ofsted survey or spoke to the Inspector on the day.

Finally, the Governing Body and Headteacher would like to invite everybody involved with the school to a celebration of this fantastic outcome with a gathering after school on Friday 23rd June from 3.30pm.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Powell
Chair of Governors