St Andrew's Church of England Junior School

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We are officially a GOOD school!

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that by now you will have read the report by OFSTED from their inspection of the school in November last year, and we wanted to share with you that we celebrate the outcome of the inspection. The inspectors noted that it is by no means easy to obtain a "GOOD" outcome in these times of the Covid pandemic, and that our school was not only good across all areas, but also outstanding in terms of Personal Development (something that is very hard to achieve).

As you know, our response to the pandemic was to maintain teaching across the whole curriculum, and we are very proud of the willingness of all our staff to work collaboratively during these exceptional times. Equally we are proud of all the children who have risen so well to the challenges they faced, and during the inspection they were happy to speak honestly and openly with the inspectors: OFTSED praised the children very highly and commented on how articulate they are. And of course we would like to thank you – the parents and carers – for the part you play every day in supporting your children. OFSTED commented on the very positive feedback you provided about the school, and we thank you for that too.

A school does not achieve a good OFSTED rating without support from all staff, including non-teaching staff, and from Governors as well, and we are thankful for their input too.

This was a whole school community achievement, which is to be celebrated and praised.

What next?

We recognise that we do have areas for improvement, and the one highlighted by OFSTED is one we had already identified for ourselves and have plans to remedy (this is in developing our middle leaders so that they can more successfully and consistently implement the school curriculum).

We will continue to strive to make St. Andrew's an even better school – one that all children enjoy attending, feel safe and secure in, and can achieve to their best potential. We will continue to provide staff development so that their teaching and support remain of a high standard, and there is a genuine desire to improve.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and allowing your children to be here.

Mrs A. Cornwall and Mr. B. Levitan

(PS from Chair of Governors: Mrs Cornwall would never say it herself, so I will – we are lucky to have an exceptional headteacher, one who is genuinely liked and respected by children and staff).