



Lowick and Holy Island C of E First Schools

• 30 Main Street • Lowick • Berwick-upon-Tweed • TD15 2UA • Tel (01289)388268

Website: <http://www.lowickholylislandschools.org.uk> Email: Admin@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk

Headteacher – Rebecca Simpson rebecca.simpson@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk

21st June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to be able to share with you the outcomes from our recent Ofsted inspection. We feel that the inspector understood our school and our vision. We have been judged to be good in all areas. We encourage you to read the whole report (which is attached to this email) to get a complete picture for each judgement area. The report will also be available on the school website as well as on Ofsted's own website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole team and the school community who we serve. I was really pleased to see that the inspector noted that **“Together, they have quickly forged a strong team with a united approach.”**

Teachers **“have strong subject knowledge and plan work which challenges and inspires pupils”** and our curriculum is **“creative and challenging for all...enriched through a wide range of educational experiences, visits and visitors”**. In particular, Early Years provision provides **“a wide range of stimulating and challenging learning opportunities which match the interests and needs of the pupils...Children are able to be curious, manage risks, investigate and explore.”**

Teaching assistants **“have positive relationships with pupils and use questioning well to help encourage pupils to learn”**. Our governors have been recognised as a **“strength of the school”**. Pupils are described as having **“positive attitudes towards each other and are well mannered....[they] work together co-operatively in lessons and are confident to discuss their learning.”**

My favourite part of the whole report is the quote from a parent, which says that **“I don't think my child would be as happy in any other school.”**

I am incredibly proud and honoured to work here. I am so glad that all the improvements we have made together have been so clearly recognised. Obviously, we also have areas we need to improve and our school development planning is already aligned to focus on these targets: more children attaining greater depth in writing, neater presentation and accuracy of writing, expanding our work about world religions and on improving our attendance rates.

Thank you very much for your continuing support for the school. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

Rebecca

