



All Saints Church of England (A) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Since I joined the All Saints Family in early November, it has indeed been a very busy and interesting time. I have been made very welcome and am looking forward to being a permanent member of the Trinity Federation in January 2019.

As you know, All Saints Primary School received a monitoring visit on 25th and 26th September 2018. The message in the report was that effective action had not been taken to address the concerns and areas for improvement that had been identified by Ofsted.

I can appreciate that the Ofsted findings in both the original report and the monitoring visit have caused considerable concern in the community.

With Christmas upon us and a new term beginning in January, I felt that this was the right time to share with you, an update on the current information that we have received from Ofsted this week.

Some of you may know that All Saints is under an Academy Order. This means that established Trusts will be expressing an interest in the coming months, to take over the leadership of the school. Now that this process has started, Ofsted will no longer come into the school to formally monitor our progress. Instead, the Local Authority will continue to quality assure the steps that we are taking, in improving the quality of leadership and management and all aspects of the report, so that your children make the progress they should. A full inspection will only happen if academisation has not taken place within the next 24-30 months. I would like to reassure you that this does not mean that our pace of change will be any less urgent.

In the short space of time that I have stepped in as interim Executive Head Teacher, I have worked with Governors and staff to make necessary improvements and I am committed to seeing these through. We have been given very clear targets by Ofsted and these have provided me with a focused direction so that the school can become good again.

Thank you for the conversations that I have had with you, and continue to have, both formally and informally. I appreciate that this partnership will continue to build in the New Year and it is so important that we work together as a community to celebrate what is going well and put right what is not.

There are many positive aspects of the school. I am immensely impressed by the children's attitudes towards learning, the sense of pride in their school and commitment to being the best they can be. They truly wish to **love, live and learn**. The All Saints staff team is highly motivated and committed to ensure that all children reach their potential. The governors are regularly monitoring and are holding the school to account. The Governing Body is dedicated to making certain that All Saints Primary School provides an excellent choice of school provision.

Furthermore, the governors of the Trinity Federation have chosen to change the Instrument of Governance. The number of parent governors has been increased from two to three, with one elected governor from each of the three schools. This means there will be an election for a parent from All Saints in the first half of next term.

I want to reassure you that we will endeavour to ensure that All Saints provides the education that we all know that your children deserve. Please rest assured that any improvements made soon, will not remove the heart of All Saints or undermine the strong Christian foundations which we all value as a community. Our year 6 pupils have written, that All Saints embodies "Inspiring each other to achieve greatness" and "Supporting each other always". I think that the children have captured the very special qualities that exist here. I am thrilled to be entrusted with the responsibility to move the school forwards.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas for:

This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son - 1 John 4:10

Blessings,
Mrs T. A. Parton