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Dear Parents,

St. Margaret's C of E Junior School OFSTED Report

On Wednesday of this week, OFSTED informed us that they will be publishing all remaining inspection reports that were put 'on hold' at the start of the coronavirus outbreak. As a result of this announcement, the St. Margaret's Inspection Report will be available on both the OFSTED website <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk> and the school website as from **24.06.20**.

If for any reason you are unable to access the report and would like a hard copy, then please contact the school office.

The overall judgement resulting from the inspection is that the school provides an acceptable standard of education yet 'requires improvement'.

We were delighted that the report highlighted that:

- there have been significant changes in Senior Leadership in the last 18 months and that... there are signs of improvement in standards
- the arrangements for safeguarding are effective
- pupils like coming to school and that attendance is good
- pupils feel safe at school and say that staff help them if they have a worry or concern
- pupils say that bullying does not happen
- pupils are very positive about the wide range of extra-curricular clubs they have on offer
- pupils are proud of their school and enjoy representing the school at many events
- parents are very positive about the school
- staff morale is high

The key recommendations made within the report will be acted upon, with a continued focus on developing a rich and stimulating curriculum for all pupils. We will also continue to embed our new behavioural policy which was introduced in January. The report identifies the fact that the personal development of pupils is a strength of the school and we will maintain our focus on ensuring that the social, emotional and mental health needs of the children remain a priority.

It was reassuring to note that the areas of practice requiring improvement, as identified by the lead inspector within the report, were already included within our existing improvement plan. Therefore, we can move forward into the next academic year confident in the knowledge of what needs to be done in order to enhance school effectiveness.

As soon as the school fully re-opens, I will arrange a time when we can meet to discuss both the findings of the inspection, as well our plan for the 2020-2021 academic year and beyond. In the interim period, please contact me via the school office should you have any questions relating to the Ofsted Report.

I look forward to working with you in ensuring that your children continue to benefit from an enriching educational experience at St. Margaret's.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Mr. Jim Williams

(Executive Headteacher)



