



'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Jo MacGovern

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your kind words and messages of support during our Ofsted inspection at the end of the summer term. Our last inspection was 12 years ago and, since then the inspection framework has changed four times with the most recent additions in April 2018. These changes include much higher expectations for every category of the inspection.

The inspection gave us the opportunity to demonstrate many of the brilliant things about Heene Primary School which we are delighted the inspection team have recognised in their report. Some of these are listed below, and we encourage you to read the final report fully:

- ***'The school is improving following a decline in standards at Key Stage 1. Pupils' achievement in phonics has risen due to better teaching.'***
- ***'The headteacher leads the school with passion and determination. Leaders have managed the integration of Key Stage 2 smoothly. Hard-working and committed staff support the leaders' vision.'***
- ***'Children make a good start in the early years.'***
- ***'Pupils behave well and have positive attitudes to learning. They enjoy coming to school because they feel secure and happy.'***
- ***'A strong Christian ethos is evident. Pupils treat each other and adults with respect.'***

Many of the areas for development highlighted by the Ofsted inspectors in the report were already identified by the Senior Leadership team. Over the summer break we have redoubled our efforts and work has already begun to address these which will form the 'Key Priorities' for this academic year. Once the priorities are finalised with Governors they will be shared with you as parents and available on the school website.

As not all areas were judged as 'Good' the overall effectiveness of the school is judged to 'Require Improvement'. The Ofsted team recognised the complex demands of establishing four new year groups into Key Stage 2, the significant building programme and the need to raise standards in Key Stage 1. Obviously we are disappointed with this judgement and will be working together as a school community along with the Local Authority and the Diocese to move out of this category by the time of the next inspection.

We are confident that we can do this and, with your support, know that we will continue to make a difference for our children. Please follow the link below to the final report that will be published on our school website from today.
http://www.heeneprimary.co.uk/website/ofsted_and_other_reports/64985

If you would like to speak to us about any aspect of the report or you require a paper copy please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support

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