



St Bartholomew's Primary Academy

Hand in hand we learn, we grow, we soar



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to attach to this email a copy of our most recent Ofsted report which took place on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November 2019.

It is with immense pride that the staff and Local Governing Body of St. Bartholomew's Primary Academy are able to share that we have been judged as **GOOD** by Ofsted in all areas.

This is the first inspection since our school was graded as 'Requires Improvement' in July 2017. Since then, a new, more rigorous '**Education Inspection Framework**' (EIF) has been introduced which, amongst other things, includes a lengthy telephone conversation with the lead inspector immediately after the school is notified of its inspection, and two full days (08:00 – 18:00) with a team of up to three inspectors on site.

Ofsted now makes judgements in the following areas, **The quality of education, Behaviour and attitudes, Personal development, Leadership and management** and **Early years provision**. All of these contribute to the **Overall effectiveness** grade. You will see that we received '**Good**' in every single area.

The report acknowledges that '**children get off to a flying start when they join St Bartholomew's**' and that '**over the previous two years, the improvements in the quality of education can be seen clearly**'. You will notice that the new style Ofsted report is far shorter when compared to the longer style used in previous years; it is intended to be simpler to read and to focus solely on the key strengths and next steps.

The report details three areas which the school needs to focus on to become even better. You will note that progress in these areas is already underway. The inspectors were clear that they had great faith in the school to complete these actions in as shorter time as possible.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their dedication and hard work, you as parents, families and carers for your support and of course the children themselves for making St. Bartholomew's the unique and special place that it is. One where we all have the highest expectations of each other and where children can truly share the ambition of "**Hand in hand we learn, we grow, we soar.**"

Yours sincerely

Mr Dan Oakes
Headteacher

Mr Gareth Coomber
Chair Of Governors