



Dear Parents

Re: OFSTED Inspection February 2020

Please find attached a copy of our recent OFSTED report, which having taken a snapshot of our school, comes to the conclusion that St Bertelne's is a good school overall and has some outstanding features.

As you are aware the school has not been inspected since 2006 when completely different criteria was used to judge schools. In September 2019 a new OFSTED framework was brought into being – this is the framework against which we have been judged. It is interesting to note the results of the last 100 primary schools inspected. (www.watchsted.com).

As a school we are delighted with the result. At the first meeting with the inspectors we were asked to judge ourselves as a school; our self-evaluation completely matched that of the inspectors. We are pleased to say that during the inspection nothing new was identified that was not already being addressed.

We are especially pleased that the inspectors noted the Christian ethos of the school permeates all that we do. Personal development is noted as an outstanding element of school provision. Both of these things are an intrinsic part of what makes St Bert's the special place it is. The biggest compliment of all is that our mission for children to develop "A love of life, a love of learning" was recognised and is being achieved.

St Bert's is never complacent and the actions identified for further improvement are part of our ongoing development.

- The curriculum is currently being revised with a greater emphasis on subject knowledge.
- Parents are being encouraged to play their part in helping children to learn spellings, times tables and develop reading fluency so that all these things happen more automatically.
- The Early Years team are currently drawing up plans to work more closely together in order to clarify expectations at key points.

All in all, we feel that this was a fair judgement as to where St Bert's stands at the moment. We will continue to guide and to care for your children during this key phase of their education and hopefully build the foundations for their future journey in life!

God Bless!

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher