

14th July 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are writing to you today to share the very good news that following an inspection on the 14th and 15th June, Ofsted has rated Newland St John's Church of England Academy as Good in all areas. This confirms the grade that Ofsted awarded the school after its visit in 2018.

We are extremely grateful to all of you for the part you have played in this success. Schools can only be successful if all of its parts are pulling in the same direction and we are fortunate to have a brilliant staff team, fantastic pupils and wonderfully supportive parents – thank you.

The full report can be read on the school website via this [link](#) and we would encourage you to read it. However, some of the highlights are as follows:

- The school's values 'Living together, learning together and shining together' are exemplified by our pupils, whom Ofsted says are "polite and courteous to visitors and each other", as well as "happy and safe".
- The inspectors also say that leaders are "ambitious that all pupils learn the knowledge that they need to prepare them for their next stage of education".
- "The trust understands the school's priorities. It has brought about a renewed sense of stability and a continued drive for improvement through a period of staff and leadership changes. Staff feel that this change has had a positive impact. They feel that leaders are approachable, and that wellbeing is considered. Leaders have streamlined some of the processes in school to reduce staff's workload."
- "Children in the early years get off to a good start. Staff recognise the importance of developing pupils' language and social skills as a key priority."
- "Children enjoy warm, positive relationships with staff."
- "The reading curriculum is a priority for leaders. Children from the beginning of their Reception Year, access the agreed phonics programme. Staff receive the appropriate training to deliver these sessions with consistency. Pupils engage well. Pupils who need extra support to keep up with their peers are swiftly identified."
- "Pupils like the way that they learn in mathematics. They say that they know what to do and what teachers expect from them in each lesson. Activities are well matched to the intended outcomes."
- "Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are swiftly identified. Leaders have ensured that pupils with SEND get the support that they need so that they can follow the same curriculum as their peers."

We are incredibly pleased with the outcome of this report, and want to assure you that we will continue to work hard every day to ensure Newland St John's Church of England Academy goes from strength to strength for the benefit of our pupils.

Yours faithfully,



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