



## CHARLTON MACKRELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached the report from our recent Ofsted inspection.

We are immensely proud of our talented staff and pupils who tirelessly strive to make our school such an amazing place to learn. The Ofsted report confirms that we remain GOOD, based on the new criteria introduced in September 2019. This is a real achievement and reflects the hard work and commitment of the whole school community and we'd like to thank all of you for your contribution to this.

The inspection was very brief and provided a small snapshot of a much bigger picture, however it was pleasing that the inspectors recognised and acknowledged the improvements we have made. Highlights from the report were:

- Pupils enjoy school. They feel safe and say that the school is like a family. Pupils are kind to each other.
- Many pupils enjoy reading. The library is a well-stocked and an attractive place to read with a range of high-quality books for pupils to choose from.
- The values of the school's Christian foundation are central to school life.
- The curriculum leads pupils to think about life beyond their community.
- Children have trusting relationships with the adults around them.
- Leaders have designed a curriculum that provides pupils with a wide and interesting range of experiences.
- The school is well known for the quality of pupils' musical instrument playing and singing.
- The headteacher is swiftly raising expectations of what pupils can achieve academically.

Although we have maintained our GOOD status, you may note the phrase 'standards may be declining', but please note this is a standard sentence in Ofsted reports, where there are any recommendations for improvement. The areas for improvement had already been identified in our School Development Plan and we have put into place the Read, Write, Inc. English teaching programme to address the weaknesses. The inspectors acknowledged that the gaps had been identified and a systematic approach to teaching put in place, but could not yet confirm the success of this approach as it was too soon to see the impact. We are praised for our curriculum and wide range of interesting experiences and have also redesigned it to make it more inspiring for the children, but it needs embedding and staff have further training this term. If our inspection had been just a few months later, all these improvements would have been in place, but at least the inspectors could see the weaknesses had been identified and acted upon.

We also enclose appendix A, which is a response from John Jeffery, our school improvement partner.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss the report further. We also have a question and answer session with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 2.45pm. We will ensure the gate is unlocked prior to this time for parents to come into the hall.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Cawley  
Headteacher

AJ Thompson  
Chair of Governors