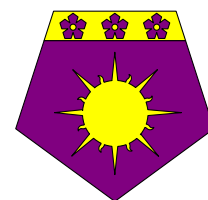


# St. John's C of E Primary School



Little Baddow Road, Danbury, Essex CM3 4NS

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the Ofsted report from our recent inspection. I feel the report encapsulates the school extremely well and highlights what a 'Good' school we are.

As it is an ungraded inspection, it means that we proved to Ofsted that we have maintained our grading from the previous graded inspection in January 2018. The Ofsted School Inspection Framework has changed since then. During that inspection we were graded as 'Outstanding' in 'Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare'. In the current framework, this has now been split into two areas: 'Behaviours and Attitudes' and 'Personal Development'. I have checked with Ofsted and they confirmed that we have maintained our 'Outstanding' judgement in these areas.

I encourage you all to read the report fully but below are a few strengths that were highlighted in the report:

- St John's is a calm and happy place where pupils are confident to be themselves. Pupils learn in a caring and accepting environment.
- Pupils have positive relationships with staff. They trust adults to help them with their concerns or worries.
- Pupils follow a curriculum from which they learn a broad range of knowledge and leaders have high expectations for all pupils to achieve.
- Pupils achieve well, and they are proud of their achievements.
- Pupils can access a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.
- Subject leaders are passionate and confident in leading their subject.
- From early years, teachers are highly skilled at asking questions to check pupils' understanding.
- Adaptations to learning support pupils to make strong progress.
- The school makes sure that reading is a high priority for pupils, staff and parents.
- From the early years, leaders prioritise vocabulary development.
- Pupils behave consistently well in lessons, and they are excited to learn and proud of their learning.
- Pupils use the leadership opportunities given to them to make a difference to their school community.
- Governors provide strong support and challenge to leaders at all levels.
- Staff are proud to work at St John's.

The areas of development were already known to us, and we were already working towards addressing these before we received the call informing us of the inspection.

Thank you for all your support. This school would not be in the strong position it is, without your support. I was particularly proud of the Ofsted Parent View survey and the final question that asked, 'I would recommend this school to another parent?' to which 97% of the parents that completed the survey replied 'Yes.' The full survey results can be found by clicking [here](#).

Thank you to the pupils of this school for being who you are, your hard work, manners, positive attitude to learning and each other. The list goes on and on. Through our various groups in school, I look forward to hearing how you can make this school even better.

Finally, thank you to the staff and governors for all your dedication, enthusiasm and hard work. You often go above and beyond for all the children of this school in ensuring we provide the best learning experience we can. It is a pleasure to work with you.

As the inspector was leaving, she said to me 'this really is a special school' and I couldn't agree with her more. I am so proud to be the Headteacher of this amazing school.

Kind regards

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