



# Sissinghurst VA Church of England Primary School

*Creative, courageous and aspirational learning in the strength of God*

Courage, Forgiveness, Service, Kindness

20 April 2023

Dear Staff, Parents, Governors and Children,

Re: Ofsted Inspection Report

We are finally be able to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection with you. The visit came at a time of significant change in the life of the school but what the inspections did highlight was the real strength that staff have in knowing your children as individuals and that your children enjoy school. In discussion with leaders the inspectors also recognised that strengths (phonics, early reading and mathematics) were taught in single age classes and it is therefore a priority for us to move to seven separate year group classes as soon as we are able to do so. We will share more about this when we can but rest assured we are working hard behind the scenes to try to secure this. Teachers and leaders have clear priorities to ensure all curriculum areas are as strong as those identified throughout the inspection. These priorities were already part our strategic plan for school improvement. We are continuing to work on the teaching of reading so it is consistent across the school, especially for our older pupils. Our work on reviewing and refining the curriculum also continues to ensure children make links between subjects securely and that knowledge builds systematically in all subject areas.

Here are just a few exerts from the report:

*Pupils enjoy school and find learning fun.*

*Pupils learn well in phonics and maths.*

*The school has a caring environment where pupils feel heard and valued.*

*Pupils get on well together and know staff are quick to sort out any concerns...*

*Pupils are expected to behave well and they do.*

*Across the curriculum ... pupils with SEND are supported well... provided with support and adaptations they need to be successful.*

*There is a nurturing 'family feel' to the school.*

The last few years have seen many changes, and although we haven't always got everything right, we have been driven by strong values and a determination to do the very best for every child at our school. Sissinghurst Primary School is no different now to before the inspection and I can assure you that we will continue to strive to achieve the very best for every child and adult.

It is a pleasure to work with such a wonderful group of staff, governors, children and parents as every single member of our school community contributes to our school.

The report has been emailed to everyone with this letter and it will be published on our website today. You can also request a hard copy at the main office should you wish. It will then be published on the Ofsted website within eight working days. Finally, I would like to personally thank everyone involved with the school for their phenomenal support and unwavering commitment to securing the very best for every child.

Best wishes,

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