

Baines' Endowed

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our recent inspection, I am delighted to enclose the link to our Ofsted Report, which informs you that Baines' Endowed Church of England Academy is a good school, with all areas graded as 'good'.

Our school has had a very busy time in recent years and this Ofsted report is a fantastic recognition of the hard work and commitment of all of our school community, in building a strong, happy and successful Primary School. This is an excellent achievement for all of our children, staff and governors and I am extremely proud of everyone.

Thank you to the parents/carers that took the time to complete the Parent View questionnaires and speak to the inspection team during the school day. Your support for our school came across; working effectively with parents/carers is a fundamental aspect of our work and contributes greatly to the success of our school.

In addition to our academic success, it is great to see that our school values, ethos and community spirit are also strongly reflected in the report. As you are aware, we are passionate about educating the 'whole child', ensuring that we provide pupils with a wide range of experiences and opportunities, give them a range of responsibilities and teach them about valuing and respecting others. Above all, we want them to really enjoy coming to school, as we know that when pupils feel happy, safe and cared for, they do well both academically and socially. Our pupils were fantastic during the inspection. They demonstrated to the inspection team that they were proud of our school and they chatted happily, enthusiastically and confidently to inspectors about a wide range of subjects.

Here are just a few of the many positive comments from our Ofsted report:

Pupils have a spring in their step and smiles on their faces as they come into school. They feel safe and valued as individuals at Baines' Primary School.

Teachers ensure that their classrooms are purposeful, happy places of learning. There is a buzz of excitement that comes from pupils' enthusiasm about their learning.

Pupils across the school benefit from good teaching. Teachers have high expectations of what their pupils can achieve. This means that pupils make good progress, particularly in reading and mathematics.

Leaders have developed a broad and balanced curriculum. This has not been compromised in their drive to improve outcomes in reading, writing and mathematics. Homework is set to reinforce pupils' learning.

Pupils understand the new behaviour and rewards systems, which are used consistently. They value their 'Always' badges and wear them with real pride.

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Pupils have good understanding about the Christian faith and other cultures and religions. They have a real appreciation of life in modern Britain.

Vulnerable pupils, some with complex needs, are catered for very well. Staff go the extra mile to ensure that they are taught in a way that ensures that they make good progress.

The majority of parents and carers are supportive of the work of the school. Most would recommend it to another parent and they believe that it is well led and managed.

Leaders communicate well with parents and external agencies to ensure that pupils are safe and happy.

We already have plans to build on the success of this report and we will address any areas that require further development. Working in partnership with parents/carers, pupils, staff, governors, the Trust and the community, we will strive to ensure that our lovely school continues to go from strength to strength.

Our Ofsted report will be published on the Ofsted website next week, but parents/carers and the wider community have access to it on our website from today: www.baines-endowed.blackpool.sch.uk.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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