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Thursday 1st May 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Ofsted report

Please find attached a copy of our recent Ofsted report.

Whilst I appreciate and understand that reading some aspects of this report may cause some concern, I want to take this opportunity to firstly reassure you as head teacher, of our strong and unwavering commitment here at Middleton Parish to deliver the very best outcomes for your children.

As teachers and leaders, it is an absolute privilege for us to support your children on their development journey and as a strong demonstration of this, we are incredibly delighted that their individual character, tolerance and respect as pupils shone through Ofsted’s assessment of their personal development within the report.

Your children are an absolute credit to you and the Parish family – and we are very proud of them.

Similarly, we are pleased that Ofsted recognises our school as a happy place to learn and play. Parents and carers are increasingly likely to recommend us to others as a result and this endorsement is a great reflection of the journey we are on and continue to make since I joined the school in September 2023.

We do accept these findings and appreciate there are some areas that need improvement, with action to address this already underway. As an example of this, elements of our alternative provision, affecting a very, very small number of children, were addressed and rectified during the inspection itself – showcasing our determination to act swiftly.

More needs to be done as we continue on our journey of improvement, but we mustn’t let this outcome overshadow the great work we have already achieved, not least our efforts to encourage and nurture individual talents and interests, alongside the good work taking place in our early years to get our children off to a positive start with their learning.

Over the last 18 months, we have already introduced a number of new measures across the school. This includes the appointment of a qualified SENDCo, to help improve the support we provide for our SEND learners and the appointment of a Senior Mental Health Lead, alongside extensive work on phonics, curriculum, assessment and governance to enable our children, and our school, to continue to make good progress. Work on our new Behaviour Policy and Curriculum is also at the final stages and we are excited to be able to tell you about this in the near future.

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We know our school and will continue to work tirelessly to achieve our goal to make Parish the absolute best it can be for all. Together, we will achieve great things in the coming months and years and, on behalf of all the team, I thank you in advance for your continued partnership and support in this noble endeavour.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the report, please do make an appointment to speak with me.

Onward and upward – with excellence, truth and grace.

Yours sincerely,

John S W Shelton

Headteacher