Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Following the publication of the results of the recent OFSTED inspection at St Stephen’s which took place on the 13th and 14th June 2023 I would like to draw your attention to the many positive aspects inspectors found in relation to our school. The report, which you can read alongside, headlines that St Stephen’s is a **GOOD** School, something which governors and staff have been confident in saying for some time, and we are very pleased to see this view validated by the inspectors during their visit.

The report goes on to state that ‘*leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum that engages pupils and captures their interest. Staff expect the best of pupils. As a result, most pupils achieve well*.’ This is a fine testament to the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff, support workers and leadership team in school. Furthermore, the report states ‘*Pupils are polite and respectful to each other and staff. Pupils and children behave well in lessons.*’ I would like to personally thank you all for your individual contributions to making St Stephen’s a happy and caring place for pupils.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank everyone who contributes to making St Stephens the good school that it is. In particular, I would like to thank Head Teacher Mr Puckey for his strategic input into the curriculum development alongside Deputy Head Mr Townsend who raced back from the Year 6 residential to meet inspectors! SENCO Lead Mrs Faulkner for her tireless work on behalf of our pupils with SEND, and our Early Years team of Miss Wild and Mrs Bostock for their ambitious EYFS program. Finally, to all Teachers and Staff who make us so proud of the work they do on behalf of the children, it is great to see your hard work recognised and validated in the report.

St Stephen’s aims to continuously improve, the challenges never stop, and in this regard, we hope that you will continue with your fantastic support which means so much. For our pupils, remember that our Faith Can move Mountains, you make us very proud.

Best Wishes,

Damian King

Chair of Governors