

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. I am pleased to share with you a copy of our latest Ofsted report https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/16427557. We are all absolutely delighted with the outcome as the report captures the high standards set and caring ethos of the school.

Our children are amazing and as the report highlights they 'understand their worth and the part they play in the school.' My thanks must go to all the staff who continue to work so hard and contribute to this wonderful school.

The inspection report will be published on the school website today and on the Ofsted website within a few days. I am pleased to include within this letter the outcomes of the recent OFSTED inspection.

OFSTED Report

As you aware, the school had a two day ungraded Section 8 Ofsted inspection on 24 and 25 January 2023 and we are extremely pleased that the final inspection letter confirms that St Luke's Church of England Primary School continues to be a good school. We are extremely proud that Ofsted has recognised that the school is a 'welcoming school community that is built on the core values of hope, peace, love and joy.' The whole school community has worked extremely hard to continue improving the learning experiences for all children and Ofsted's judgement of the school validates the actions of all our efforts.

The key findings and quotes from the Ofsted report are:

- The relationships between staff and pupils are strong and there is a culture of care. This helps pupils and children to feel safe in school.
- Pupils live up to leaders' high expectations. They are proud of their school and are happy to attend each day.
- Pupils, including those with special needs and/or disabilities (SEND), learn and achieve well.
- Leaders take preventive measures to stop bullying. If it does happen, leaders take swift and effective action, offering appropriate support for pupils and their families.
- In most subjects, leaders have thought carefully about the curriculum and how it is organised from the early years to Year 6.
- Teachers have secure subject knowledge. They choose appropriate activities that help the pupils practise and consolidate learning.
- Reading is the bedrock of the curriculum.

- There is very little low-level disruption in lessons. This is due to teachers' skilful management of pupils' behaviour and the support of pastoral staff.
- The strong relationships that staff have forged with pupils create an environment that is ripe for learning.
- Leaders have a clear overview of pupils' wider development. They consider carefully how pupils need to be prepared for the next stage and ultimately for life in modern Britain.
- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Leaders have robust safeguarding procedures in place.

The recommendation for improvement had already been identified by school leaders prior to the Ofsted inspection. Ofsted recognised that 'leaders have identified the key knowledge that pupils learn and remember.' The recommendation confirmed what leaders already knew regarding our current curriculum and had, in fact, already formed the basis of the school improvement plan.

We remain, as always, fully committed to providing a high standard of teaching and learning for the children at St Luke's and will strive to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children. This is an exciting time for the school and I look forward to continuing the journey and building on our successes.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our parents/carers (and a significant number of grandparents) for the positive way in which you supported the school through the inspection and how you continue to do so every day.

We hope you are as equally thrilled and proud of the report as we are. It confirms what we already know, that St Luke's is a very special and magical place.

Yours Sincerely,

S Hardaker

Mr S Hardaker
Head Teacher

