

**SENT BY EMAIL**

Theresa Walker– Headteacher  
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Dear Theresa,

We were very pleased to receive the report of the recent inspection at your school which has an overall effectiveness of 'Good' with many categories judged as 'Outstanding'.

The report is clear that the school has much strength, which includes:

- Pupils feel safe and have developed trusted relationships with the adults who care for them, epitomising the school's Christian values.
- Pupils achieve well and show resilience in approaching challenging tasks.
- The curriculum is rich, inclusive, and ambitious.
- Children in the early years quickly learn key skills and the activities grow in complexity to enable a smooth transition to formal learning in Year1.
- The school prioritises early reading as fundamental to the progress of all children.
- Staff identify any children who do not keep up with the pace of the phonics programme and receive appropriate support.
- Across all subject areas, teachers deliver effective lessons supported by their in-depth subject knowledge.
- Inclusivity is central to the school and leaders ensure all pupils with SEND can access the full curriculum.
- Pupils with SEND make strong progress from their starting points.
- Pupils develop a broad and deep appreciation of other cultures, faiths, and communities.
- Safeguarding arrangements are effective.

We know that such a report is the outcome of huge amount of dedication and hard work by staff, and from careful oversight by trustees who give freely of their time and energy.

All the very best to you and your school community as you reflect on all the very positive comments in the report, and as you move on to the next stages in the school's journey.

Our thanks for the important work that you do.

Yours sincerely



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