



Egerton Church of England Primary School

Together, we inspire, nurture and thrive

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Dear parents,

Re: Ofsted Inspection Report 11-12 October 2023

We have pleasure in sharing with you the final Ofsted report from our inspection on 11th and 12th October 2023. I attach a copy of the report and a link to it on our website. It will be published on the Ofsted website within eight working days.

Our school has been judged 'Good' overall, and 'Good' in all four key judgement categories:

- The quality of education;
- behaviour and attitudes;
- personal development;
- leadership and management.

We are extremely proud of this achievement; the current Ofsted framework is challenging, and the report is a very positive one, commenting on how well our pupils achieve throughout the school and on the commitment we have to meeting our children's pastoral needs. We were commended on how well we live the Christian values of our vision which was evident through feedback from the children and in the areas of improvement which we have focussed our efforts as part of our School Improvement.

This was a full graded inspection, which means that the Ofsted team were in school for two days and reviewed every aspect of school life. In the current Ofsted model of inspection, about 20% of schools that are currently graded 'Good' receive a full graded inspection, while the rest receive a short one-day inspection; there's no particular trigger for this, simply part of Ofsted sampling schedule.

However, we are pleased to have had a full inspection as this provides more detail and feedback for school leadership about the school providing us with an impartial evaluation to assist us with our school development. Typically, a school judged to be 'Good' receives an Ofsted inspection about every four years.

We encourage you to read the report carefully. We believe that it presents an accurate picture of our school and the grades given by the Ofsted team exactly mirror our internal self-evaluation. This provides us with confidence that our leaders and governors know our school extremely well. We have worked very hard on ensuring that our provision for phonics and early reading is of the highest quality, and this has also been validated by Ofsted. The lead inspector said it was 'impressive'.

Similarly, our work to ensure that all pupils receive the best standard of education, including



Perseverance Compassion Respect Honesty Forgiveness Hope



those with special educational needs and /or disabilities, has been highlighted by the report, stating that these children 'achieve as well as other pupils.' The report also notes that 'pupils behave well and teachers' expectations are high'. We see this every day and this happens because of the shared vision we have; staff, children and families, together we inspire, nurture and thrive. It is very gratifying to have this validated by Ofsted in their opening sentence: 'Pupils try their best at this school. They embrace the school's values of perseverance, compassion, respect, honesty, forgiveness and hope.'

The acknowledgement by the Ofsted team that our Early Years provision is 'Good' identifies that, from their first days in school, our children make excellent progress, settle into school really quickly and are very happy. We are very proud of this as it builds the foundation for further progress and achievement in later years. There was a very strong and overwhelmingly positive response to the Ofsted questionnaire on Parent View during the inspection. This is a key indicator for Ofsted in sending a clear message about the strength of our school community. We continually seek to improve our school and its provision for our children and we are not complacent.

Ofsted have noted ways we can improve and we take these on board. These were items already identified on our School Improvement Plan and self-evaluation and we are already making good progress with them. Attendance influences everything that Ofsted inspects because it has a huge impact on a child's education and well-being. They treat it with the utmost importance and so should parents. All we ask is that you work with us and communicate early so that together we can find a way to enable all our children to attend school regularly. We ask this because all children have a right to receive the best education possible.

We will continue to work hard to ensure that Egerton Church of England Primary School is the best it can be, in every aspect of school life, and our governors and leadership will ensure that Ofsted' comments are noted and acted upon.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Egerton, our parents for your continuing commitment, and all our governors for their support and challenge to the school leadership. We are truly blessed with dedicated staff and exceptional children – we don't need the findings of an Ofsted report to tell us this. We are proud of this school and know you are too.

Yours sincerely



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Ed Schryver
Chair of Governors