

Thursday 2nd March 2023

### **Ofsted Final inspection report**

Dear Parents and Carers of Ecclesall Primary School children,

We are delighted to inform you that our Ofsted Inspectors judged our school to be a **“Good”** school in all areas. The final Ofsted report is attached to this email for your information. We received lots of positive comments in our team meeting with the Inspectors at the end of day 2 and feel very proud of all our Ecclesall Primary School children and staff.

Ecclesall Primary School has been described as a **“vibrant place to be”** where **“pupils are happy and motivated to learn”** (Ofsted report, 2023). We were thrilled with these comments linked to our own school motto “Happy children, happy school, learning together, growing together”. **“Ambition and striving to be the best you can be are part of the mindset at Ecclesall. A great start in early years provides children with the confidence to believe that anything is possible, no matter what their background and starting point may be”**. (Ofsted, 2023).

Linked to our healthy minds work and safeguarding training, **“pupils feel safe in school and know who to speak to if they have any worries. They have complete trust in adults to sort out any issues that may arise”** (Ofsted, 2023). Ofsted also commented that our older children were immaculate role models for our younger children and have shining attitudes to learning. Very caring relationships between staff and children, real positives in behaviour, polite and well-mannered children and high expectations of staff were also discussed. Children feel proud of their school and think all schools across the country are like ours!

We had 5 Ofsted Inspectors/HMI during our 2 day Inspection on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023. We had five subject deep dives in Early Reading, Maths, History, Physical Education and Computing and our subject leads were interviewed and completed joint lesson observations, book scrutiny and spoke to our children. **“Leaders have created a curriculum with subject content that is diverse and rich”** (Ofsted, 2023).

I have also attached the Ofsted judgements for all 5 areas that are inspected. These can be found in our Ofsted section of our EPS website: <http://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/ofsted/>  
The links below show the Good and Outstanding judgements for your information.

- **The Quality of Education:**  
<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/The-Quality-of-Education-Grade-descriptors.pdf>
- **Behaviour and Attitudes:**  
<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Behaviour-and-Attitudes-Grade-Descriptors.pdf>

- **Personal Development:**

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Personal-development-Grade-descriptors.pdf>

- **Leadership and Management:**

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Leadership-and-management-descriptors.pdf>

- **EYFS provision:**

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Early-years-provision-in-schools-Grade-Descriptors.pdf>

Ofsted felt that our school is an outward facing school and always striving to improve further. We have two actions to work on; one linked to our new Twinkl phonics scheme and one we had already identified in our School Development plan re “Wider curriculum assessment”.

- The planned support sessions for a small number of pupils in reading are not consistently aligned with the school’s approach to teaching phonics. As a result, these pupils do not improve their reading as quickly as they could. Leaders need to ensure that the additional help provided to pupils matches the chosen method for teaching phonics.
- Wider curriculum assessment is not fully developed. This means that teachers cannot be sure that the curriculum is having the desired effect on pupils acquiring knowledge. Leaders should ensure that assessment provides information that helps teachers understand what pupils have learned.

Ofsted (2023) remarked that our Governing body have a “**wealth of experience**” and “**know the school and staff extremely well**”. Thank you very much to our Governing body for their involvement during Ofsted and their support, guidance and encouragement at all times.

On behalf of all my wonderful Ecclesall Primary School staff, I would like to also thank all Parents and Carers for your support and overwhelming positive comments on Parent view and when speaking with different Inspectors on the playground before or after school. We really appreciate it.

Kind regards

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