



## Letter for parents about our recent OFSTED inspection

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### OFSTED INSPECTION – 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on 19th and 20th September 2023. The full report will be published on the OFSTED website on Wednesday 15th November 2023 ([Rangeworthy Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted](#)). However, we are allowed to inform parents and carers of the outcome in advance.

**The grades that can be awarded are Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3) or Inadequate (4).**

Previously the school was judged as 'Good' (2) in **January 2018**. However, in this recent inspection, the school was judged overall to be within the category of 'Inadequate' (4).

Having said that, the inspectors also saw many of the **positive strengths of the school** and were satisfied that we are already making progress, saying that the 'recently appointed school leaders are providing some clarity and direction. They have identified the failings of the school'.

**OFSTED also praised** the work we are doing to protect pupils and keep them safe and that a lot of work is done to support children's personal development and wellbeing.

Inspectors saw that pupils enjoy coming to school, that they are friendly and polite and play happily together. They also said that children feel safe knowing that they can talk to an adult. Our pupils enjoy clubs, the residential trip and the range of visitors who come to share their knowledge and experience, which helps them to develop a sense of community and pride.

Obviously, inspectors also highlighted a number of key areas which will form part of a rapid improvement plan.

These include:

- **Governors** must ensure that effective systems are in place to increase their level of challenge to school leaders for the quality of education pupils receive.
- The school must ensure that pupils receive an **ambitious curriculum** that teaches them the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in all subjects.



- The school must ensure that all subjects identify the **key knowledge and skills** pupils need to learn, and assessment processes check how well pupils know and remember the curriculum.
- The school should ensure that the **books pupils read match the sounds they know** so that they develop accuracy and reading fluency.
- The school should ensure that the **needs of pupils with SEND are met** in order for them to achieve success in their learning.
- The school must ensure that **pupils behave consistently** well during their lessons.

It is obviously very disappointing for all members of staff to receive this judgement of the school, and it will be very disappointing for you as parents too.

To a certain extent, the outcome of the inspection was not a surprise given the turbulent and unsettled period the school has experienced. However, **I want to reassure you that every single member of staff in the school are committed to providing the best education for the children of Rangeworthy CofE Primary School.**

Now that we have the report, **it is time to look forward** and continue to address the issues that we know we need to. We will work to make sure that all of the children of Rangeworthy CofE Primary School receive the high quality education that they deserve, in a safe environment where all children are supported to reach their potential.

We hope that you as **parents will continue to support us** with this aim and we look forward to working with you on our journey of improvement.

If you would like to discuss the outcomes of the inspection/report further, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Cain in my absence.

Leaders and Governors would also like to invite parents/carers to an open forum on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am to 9.45am in the local Church**. This will allow families to ask any questions they may have surrounding the Ofsted Inspection Outcomes and the way forward.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Travis

Headteacher

Mrs Bath

Co-Chair of Governors