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Dear Parents/Carers,

Ofsted Inspection – 13th and 14th June 2023

I am writing to share details of the recent Ofsted inspection, which took place at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School on the 13th and 14th June. We were delighted that the Ofsted team believes the school and nursery is **good in all areas**. This is my first Ofsted inspection following two 'requires improvement' inspections in 2017 and 2019.

As the Headteacher, since 2020, I am incredibly proud of all the pupils and staff and it is wonderful to see the work that has gone in over these previous three years in providing such a strong and caring ethos and a strong curriculum. Inspectors commented that:

"Pupils are proud to attend Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School. They enjoy coming to school and attend well. There are strong relationships between pupils and staff. The school's values underpin their sense of belonging."

The inspection team were impressed by what they saw, noting that:

"Staff have high expectations and pupils know why these are important. Pupils are keen to learn. They are enthusiastic about the opportunities to develop their knowledge. Pupils enjoy earning merits and receiving certificates for making good choices about their work or behaviour."

The report acknowledges the impact of our tireless work with pupils with Special Educational Needs:

"Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are well supported. Staff know pupils' precise needs. Leaders work in partnership with parents and external agencies to secure support. Teachers consider the talents and interests of pupils with SEND and plan the curriculum to develop these. Consequently, pupils with SEND learn the curriculum with success."

Ofsted reinforced our belief that pupils across all year groups receive a good quality of teaching:

"Leaders have reviewed and developed the curriculum so that it is relevant and ambitious."

This was also reflected in Little Pips Nursery:

"Pupils make a strong start in the nursery. Leaders have planned a curriculum that helps children to build knowledge securely over time."

I was particularly delighted to read that 'Pupils have a strong sense of justice because they understand that discrimination is wrong and that everyone should be treated equally', and that 'Governors ensure that the values and ethos of the school are well understood by all'.

The Governing Board were quite rightly praised:

"The governing body is knowledgeable about the school. Governors bring a range of experience to their roles. Therefore, they challenge and support leaders effectively."

I truly believe this Ofsted report shows how much progress has been made in recent years. Pupils and staff, and you as the wider community of parents and carers, should be rightly proud of what we have achieved together.

I look forward to working with staff, pupils, parents, and governors to achieve the next steps in our journey. Many thanks for your continued support; as ever we will continue to work hard to take the school forwards onto the next stage of school development.

Ali Pook

Head Teacher