



11th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with enormous pleasure that I write to share the fantastic news that Swineshead St Mary's CE Primary School has been rated 'Good' by Ofsted.

This fantastic news follows a two-day inspection, carried out by three Ofsted inspectors on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021. It is the first time, in the history of Swineshead St Mary's CE Primary School, that it has been officially rated as a **GOOD** school. This is testament to the continuous efforts, dedication and hard-work of the entire staff team over many years.

We are so proud and pleased that our work for the children and our school community has been recognised and I thank you, wholeheartedly, for believing in us and supporting us throughout the years.

The report highlights many key strengths of our school. Some areas that make us very proud include:

- Pupils are happy at Swineshead St Mary's School. One pupil summed up many when he said, 'I go home and I can't wait to come to school the next day'.
- The curriculum for key stages 1 and 2 is ambitious.
- Teachers make lessons interesting and engaging.
- Phonics is taught consistently well.
- Pupils are polite, courteous and respectful towards each other.
- The curriculum for relationships, health and social education is ambitious. This works alongside the religious education curriculum to give pupils a broad range of experiences that prepares them well for life in modern Britain.
- Senior leaders are ambitious for the school. They have created a cohesive staff team.
- Senior leaders know what is working well and what needs to improve in the school.

We are really proud of our school and being part of The Emmaus Federation. We strive continually to help all children to recognise their talents, build on their strengths, recognise where they may find something tricky and help them have the skills to move forward from this. We strive to create caring, thoughtful and confident pupils who are proud of themselves and the communities they live in, and we are pleased that Ofsted recognised this in their report and praised the school and the pupils for this.

Governors, staff, parents / carers and most importantly the pupils all work hard every day to create something very special here in our school. I thank you for your continued support for Swineshead St. Mary's Primary School; it is greatly valued and appreciated and we look forward to continuing to support your children in going from strength to strength.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Collett

Executive Headteacher