



St Nicholas CE VA School

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Headteacher: Mrs Rizelle Crouch

Monday 23rd May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that following our recent Ofsted inspection on 24th March 2022, St Nicholas School has been judged to be 'Good'. The overwhelmingly positive report and is worth a thorough read. Please find the full report attached.

The hard work and dedication of the staff and governors was cited as contributing to the school's success and there are many positive things that it endorses as far as the life of our school is concerned. Some quotes are:

"Pupils are polite, friendly, and enthusiastic about learning. In the playground, they like talking about what they know. Parents praise the 'balance' between 'the nurturing environment' and 'fostering a love of learning'."

"Pupils adopt the school's values, such as kindness and responsibility. This starts in the early years, where children quickly learn to take turns and share. When pupils move in from other schools, they feel welcomed. Pupils treat their peers with respect."

"Play at breaktimes is a lot of fun. Pupils respond well to the high expectations and clear routines that leaders set"

"Leaders make sure the curriculum teaches pupils about a rapidly changing world. Pupils learn about aspects of life in modern Britain, such as democracy. They develop thoughtful views."

"Pupils feel safe, and parents and staff agree"

As a school, we continue to strive towards outstanding and have some improvements in the pipeline which we will share with you through our regular communications. As an example, this half term a new phonics scheme has been purchased, with generous financial support from the PTA. Staff will be attending training in this area on the inset day this Friday. We will share insights with parents after the half-term.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Mrs Crouch
Headteacher

Mrs Fleming
Chair of Governors